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Bosnian Serbs Release 2 Downed French Pilots

Ordeal Ends as Rebel Commander Heeds Ultimatum From Belgrade

By Jane Perlez
New York Times Service

BELGRADE - Two French pilots, held by the Bosnian Serbs for more than three months and at times feared dead. were freed Tuesday by their captor, General Ratko Miadic, who personally handed them over to the French military at a riverside motel in Bosnia.

The release of the pilots, Captain Frédéric Chiffot and Lieutenant José Souvignet, who were shot down when their Mirage-2000 was hit by a Bosnian Serbian missile during a North Atlantic Treaty Organization raid on Ang. 30, cleared a last obstacle that threatened to overshadow the formal signing of the Bosnia peace accord in Paris on Thursday.

The pilots looked dazed as they stepped out of a jeep in the town of Zvornik and walked into the Jezero Motel to be greeted by the French chief of staff, General Jean terms of the peace agreement he will sign

But in a brief telephone conversation with French television, one of the pilots, Lieutenant Souvignet, said they had been 'well cared for.'

"I had some pain in my leg," he said,

"but they had very good doctors."
As the signing of the Bosnia peace agreement approached, President Jacques Chirac of France stepped up the pressure on President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia, threatening unspecified but serious action if the pilots were not released, and enrolling Washington, Bonn and Moscow in a diplomatic campaign.

Western diplomats said that the release illustrated again the power Mr. Milosevic maintains over the Bosnian Serbs.

Mr. Chirac, facing demestic pressure on the fate of the pilots, thanked Mr. Milosevic and President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia for their help in securing the pilots' freedom.

In Belgrade, Serbian officials interpreted the release as another victory for Mr. Milosevic as he embraces the West and attempts to show that he can deliver on the Philippe Drouin, and General Mladic at a on Thursday along with President Franjo ceremony organized by the Bosnian Serb.

On Thursday along with President Franjo Tudiman of Croatia and President Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia

According to officials here, Mr. Milo-

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Lieutenant Souvignet and Captain Chiffot on Tuesday after their release by the Bosnian Serbs.

Syria Shows Hope and Caution as Peres Urges Cooperation

By Brian Knowlton international Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON—A call here Tuesday in Damascus, a senior Syrian official by Prime Minister Shimon Peres of Israel Roll Reuters that Mr. Peres's words were for Syria to join with his country to "ne, welcome, but added, "we need to see if gotiate relentlessly" for regionwide peace there is anything new regarding full withdrew a cautious welcome from officials in drawal from the Golan."

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picion" in its quest for peace with Syria Agence France-Presse reported.

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Still Syrian state radio commented Mr. Peres, in his first U.S. visit since the . Tuesday that "hopes have been revived for

ready to overcome "mountains of sus- ington by the Israeli prime minister,"

Israeli-Syrian peace talks broke off in June when Israel insisted on leaving earlywarning posts behind in the Golan Heights. and Syria said that nothing less than a full withdrawal would do. That position was reiterated Tuesday by

the Syrian official. He said that Damascus was awaiting a visit this week by the U.S. secretary of state, Warren M. Christopher, before judg-

Without illusion, but with resolve,"

Mr. Peres said, "we shall stand ready to make demanding decisions if you are. We shall negotiate relentlessly until all gaps are bridged."

He received several prolonged ovations in this, the fourth appearance by an Israeli leader before a joint session of Congress. On Monday, President Bill Clinton said that Damascus appeared to be more re-ceptive to peace talks since the Rabin as-

"As sad as it is to say," Mr. Clinton said, "I think the Syrian leader and the Syrian

people now see the exceptional price that

former Prime Minister Rabin and Prime Minister Peres have been willing to pay in their search for peace."

Mr. Assad had telephoned Mr. Clinton on Monday as the U.S. president was having lunch with Mr. Peres. On Tuesday, Peres told members of Congress that the task ahead would not be

He described an air of unusual cooperation in his recent talks with King Hussein of Jordan, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and the Palestinian leader Yasser

Emboldens Leaders of French Strike

Huge Protest

New Demonstrations Set As Workers Start to Call For Juppé's Resignation

By Youssef M. Ibrahim
New York Times Service

PARIS - A day after Prime Minister Alain Juppé backed down on several key aspects of his economic austerity plan, hundreds of thousands of demonstrators marched throughout France on Tuesday to demand not only abandonment of the reform package but also his resignation.

Mr. Juppé responded with a speech in Parliament after the demonstrations died down, vowing to push ahead with his reform "gradually and with consultation."

But, he added, "There is no serious alternative to the reform I proposed."

In the streets, the protest moved into its 19th day Tuesday and the categories of services it has immobilized widened.

More than 40 percent of unionized teachers continued to strike even after their leaders recommended that they go back to work. The rail workers union, which started the protest movement, said it was extending its strike by at least 24 hours. And sanitation workers in several cities joined the movement, too.

With so many workers joining the demonstrations, union leaders appeared to harden their demands.

The balance of power is on my side and on the side of all unions, so it is going to continue," said Marc Blondel, the head of Workers' Force, a leader of the strike ac-

At the start of a march by at least 60,000 people in Paris, Mr. Blondel added, "With a demonstration this big, you can't imagine we're going to drop our pants."

In a statement reflecting the government's hope that sooner or later the protest will lose steam, Alain Lamassoure, Mr. Juppé's spokesman told the Europe 1 radio station, "One may hope that things should get better," particularly as talks with union leaders are expected to continue Wednes-

But many of the protest leaders made it clear that they were holding out now for the elimination of the entire reform package, which includes new taxes, cuts in health benefits and a higher retirement age, and are hoping for increased wages and more generous benefits.

"There is one objective now: the with-drawal of the Juppé plan," said Louis Viannet, head of the General Confederation of Labor, the other major union leading the strike.

In protests Tuesday, Marseilles saw its largest demonstration since the 1968 student-worker upheaval.

More than 100,000 marchers demanded the cancellation of the government's pro-

gram and many shouted "Juppé you're sunk," "Juppé resign" or "Juppé, make the bosses pay." Strike leaders said 50,000 had marched in Bordeaux, 80,000 in Toulouse, 35,000 in

Rouen, 20,000 each in Le Mans, Nantes and Rennes, 25,000 in Le Havre, 11,000 in Dijon, 16,000 in Caen and 15,000 each in Avignon, Perpignan, Nice and Saint-Ail told, the unions said they had 1.7

million people on the streets, while the government said the figure was closer to

60.000. In Bordeaux and Toulouse, mountains of garbage piled up as sanitation workers joined the protest. In most cities, parents were being turned away at schools as they brought young children to the gates. Ferry services to Corsica were pared to

just one crossing a day, and many ports remained shut. Newspapers failed to appear throughout

the country as delivery unions joined the

Air traffic controllers, who have struck several times before, did so again, forcing the cancellation of almost half the scheduled flights as well as many delays.

Millions of people, particularly in the greater Paris region, continued to live with what has become a daily routine — traffic miles an hour (8 kilometers an hour), pedestrians standing by roadsides to hitch a ride to work or home, and raw nerves.

The strike forced the government to See FRANCE, Page 10

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Dissident's New Trial Casts Unsettling Pall Over China

By Steven Mufson Washington Post Service

BELIING - Nine years ago this month, China's senior leader, Deng Xiaoping, urged Communist Party leaders to take a hard line against domestic critics, without

concern for the country's international im-Deng asked rhetorically about the democyear prison term in 1979. "We arrested him and haven't let him go, yet China's

image has not suffered." This week. China's leaders put Mr. Wei on trial again, on charges of trying to overthrow the government.

And many China-watchers say they worry that the trial portends a resurgence among China's hard-line leadership toward violating with impunity internationally recognized standards of human

"There's no way that this can help China internationally," said Richard Baum, a political scientist at the University of California in Los Angeles. "It's an unsettling sign, a jarring occurrence for a regime trying to portray itself as having joined the international community.

Like many political prisoners, Mr. Wei's reputation and stature have been growing the longer he sits in prison. While many other Chinese political activists have put aside politics to pursue business, Mr. Wei "Didn't we arrest Wei Jingsheng?" Mr. has remained an uncompromising advocate of democracy for China. In the last racy activist who was sentenced to a 15- decade, he has become China's most prominent dissident.

Mr. Wei's trial, scheduled for Wednesday at Beijing's Intermediate Court, has mobilized groups anxious about the outcome, which could carry punishment ranging from 10 years in prison to the death penalty.

Human-rights groups are prodding the U.S. Congress to adopt a resolution calling for Mr. Wei's release and are pressing the Clinton administration to take a strong stand in defense

The dissident's sister, Wei Shanshan, who lives in Germany, flew to the United

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AGENDA

UNITED NATIONS, New York -The General Assembly on Tuesday

The text of a resolution, which "strongly deplores" the current testing by France and China, does not name the two countries specifically, but calls for an "immediate cessation of all nuclear

tions, was presaged by a vote Nov. 16 by the General Assembly's disarmament and international security committee depioring nuclear testing. (Reuters, AFP) Thais Twist Arms, Over a Missile

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Kim Calls Predecessors Shameless

INTERNATIONAL

The Farmer's Become a Lonely Man

In Germany, Cultures Are Colliding

NEW YORK - To help women with cancer avoid infertility caused by radiation and chemotherapy, a group of American doctors is offering to remove an ovary before a patient undergoes treatment, and reimplant a portion of it later.

By Gina Kolata

New York Times Service

The speed with which doctors have moved from animal experiments to potentially widespread use of this operation at least four patients in England have had

an ovary removed and frozen. No ovaries ican Cancer Society. And the offer by the have yet been replaced. And last week, the Genetics and IVF Institute in Fairfax, Virginia, sent out letters to thousands of cancer specialists offering their patients the

chance to have the operation. Chemotherapy and radiation often dean ovary is removed and frozen it will function normally when it is replaced, al-

lowing the woman to become pregnant. Tens of thousands of women of childhas surprised some medical experts. So far, bearing age undergo chemotherapy and radiation each year, according to the Amer-

Virginia doctors to remove an ovary from almost any such patient for \$3,000 to \$4,000, surprised ethicists and medical experts, who were unaware that the work had moved ahead so quickly. The first removals of ovaries in England were done stroy women's ovaries. The hope is that if even before reports of successful work in gridlock with cars moving no faster than 5 animals had been published.

'It is one of those amazing areas where science marches on and almost the unthinkable becomes doable," said Berna-

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A People Who Glorify Literature Slip in the Charts

By Marlise Simons New York Times Service

PARIS — People of the land of Racine and Molière, of Hugo and Balzac, of Proust and Sartre frequently cannot grasp what they read, according to a new study that concludes that some literacy skills in France are far adults in all countries have low literacy skills," said the worse than those in some other major European countries and the United States.

But the French need not worry about being emincensed that they insisted that all references to France be excised from the 200-page document, "Literacy, Society, and Economy," which was published in Paris last week. The survey, which set out to test how literacy skills States scored in the lowest of five proficiency levels.

relate to job success and economic performance, judged memorandum, of documents like tables, nutritional charts and train schedules, and of day-to-day mathematical calculations.

report by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, which is based in Paris.

barrassed by the report. When French officials studied its in the portion of the study examining the ability to preliminary conclusions two months ago, they were so understand and use written information, 7.5 percent of the adults in Sweden, 10.5 percent in the Netherlands, 14.4 percent in Germany, 15.3 percent in Switzerland, 16.6 percent in Canada, and 20.7 percent in the United

By these same criteria, 40.1 percent of France's adult reading comprehension in the form of, say, an office population were placed in the lowest level, only marginally better than Poland, with 42.6 percent, according to the Paris newspaper Libération, which first reported France's withdrawal from the study. The sec-"The results show that a disturbing proportion of tion featured questions on articles ranging from topics

like movie reviews to disposable diapers. The newly expurgated study reported only the results of detailed tests of some 1,500 to 1,800 adults between But the results varied widely by country. For example, the ages of 16 and 65 in seven countries — Sweden, the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Canada, the United States, and Poland.

"Only the French censored the results, which is tantamount to refusing to acknowledge the truth staring

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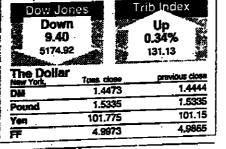
UN Calls for End to Nuclear Tests

called for an immediate end to nuclear weapons tests.

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Yeltsin Heads the Casualty List in Chechnya

By Lee Hockstader Washington Post Service

OSCOW - A year after 40,000 Russian soldiers poured into the separatist region of Chechnya, Moscow's biggest and deadliest military action since Afghanistan continues to take its toll in lives, property and the political health of President Boris N. Yeltsin's gov-

Critics say Mr. Yeltsin, who has called the war the greatest disappointment of his presidency, has squandered much of his international prestige and lost considerable moral standing at home by prosecuting a war that by conservative estimates has cost 20,000 lives, most of them civilian.

Even now, after 12 months of fighting, terrible images of violence - of charred bodies, limping amputees, gaunt refugees, artillery rounds smashing into the hills — are seen nightly on television in Russian living rooms. The Chechnya quagmire 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers) south of Moscow marks the failure of Russia to become a real democratic and multinational state," said New Times, a Moscow magazine. "Let's hope it's failed only for the time being.'

It also has underlined the weakness of Russia's new democratic institutions. Parliament was broadly opposed to the war but, lacking real constitutional clout, balked at confronting the president. The Constitutional Court, Russia's highest, waited seven months before rendering its decision on the war, rejecting the arguments of a group of lawmakers who said the war was illegal.

But above all, the war has become Mr.

Yeltsin's mess.

The president, who has had three prolonged hospitalizations since the war began, is now unpopular in practically every part of Russia. He is widely regarded as unelectable should he decide to run in June for a second term. Most observers believe the war in Chechnya has played a part in his political slide.

preover, since troops were ordered into Chechnya a year ago, Mr. Yeltsin's government has become more insular and less responsive to domestic and Western opinion. Mr. Yeltsin set the tone for much of this. At the start of the war he entered a hospital for

what was described as a minor nose operation. Nothing was heard from him for two weeks as Russian forces rocketed villages and bombed Grozny, the Chechen capital. When the president emerged at the end of

December, he announced that he had ordered a halt to the bombing raids on civilian areas. The next day, Russian planes returned to Grozny and destroyed an orphanage. The president demanded an "explanation," but none was given — a pattern that has been repeated. On New Year's Eve, Kremlin officials said



Russian soldiers hoisting a ballot box into the back of a truck in Grozny. The box, for elections Sunday, went to an army base.

there would be no attack on Grozny. That night, the city was stormed — unsuccessfully. Senior Russian officials announced many times that the war had been won and the rebels routed. It was never true.

Finally, it seemed, many Russians simply shut their eyes to the war, wishing it would go away. Villages were rocketed, soldiers ambushed, pensioners slaughtered, all without provoking an outcry. People only took real notice in June when the Chechen rebels struck back by taking hundreds of Russian civilians hostage in the southern town of Budennovsk. In the current campaign for parliamentary

elections this Sunday, most candidates and voters are ignoring the Chechen conflict, preferring to discuss Russia's economic crisis. "People don't talk about it," said Vladimir

Vagin, a pollster in the Russian city of Pskov.
'It's like it's going on in another world.' In interviews, many Russians say they wished the troops would just withdraw from Chechnya and let the region go. But many others suggest bitterly that Moscow's attempt

Chechnya Voting Early to Thwart Disruption

Chechnya advanced the start of vot- Chechens could begin voting Thurs- electoral commission in Moscow.

It was not clear whether the decree

by the parliament, which was dis-

solved in 1991 by a separatist leader,

Dzhokhar Dudayev, and reconvened

to squash Chechnya's bid for independence has been too soft.

'It would be O.K. with me if we just went in there and executed 2,000 of them," said a tractor driver in the southern Siberian city of Kemerova who gave his name as Gennady. "I think they should just be exterminated."

ast month, Mr. Yeltsin ordered that elections for a new regional govern-ment in Chechnya should coincide with Sunday's national parliamentary elections - an order that now appears to have been overtaken by events in Grozny.

Then, last week, the Kremlin entered into

what it called a "power-sharing agreement" with local authorities in Chechnya who were installed by Moscow: The region will have 'special status' while remaining a part of the Russian Federation. It will be allowed to open its own missions abroad, conduct foreign trade and exercise a measure of independence in its economic life.

None of these steps are likely to have much effect on the war, however. The rebels have promised to disrupt the elections. Since that threat was issued, two huge car bombs have exploded in the center Reuters ported, the parliament in the regional with Moscow's approval earlier this capital of Grozny had decided that year, had been approved by the central of Grozny and fighting has

picked up. The rebels still insist on total sovereignty and the withdrawal of all Russian

deal in the region, has said

forces. The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which has tried in vain to broker a peace

the elections in Chechnya are "premature." Still, the Kremlin appears to be pressing ahead

In Moscow, meanwhile, the climate of decision-making remains tainted by Chechnya, and Mr. Yeltsin's circle of advisers has been steadily shrinking. It started well before the war began, but after Russian troops entered Chechnya, Mr. Yeltsin's contacts became more sharply limited. Yegor T. Gaidar, the former prime minister and pro-Western economist on whom Mr. Yeltsin relied early in his presidency, broke with him. Other liberals who formed the core of Mr. Yeltsin's support in 1991 and 1992 found themselves unwelcome in the Kremlin.

Mr. Yeltsin's remaining aides have tended to speak with one voice about the need to press on with the war. One of the most prominent among them is the defense minister, General Pavel S. Grachev, who at one point said that Russian troops were dying "with smiles on their lips" in Chechnya.

For months General Grachev scoffed at ev-

ery move toward a peaceful settlement and was an advocate of all-out war, at any cost. Then, last Thursday, he stunned even the most cynical Russians when he told journalists: "Now, a year later, I can say that I have never been supportive of armed action, especially in the hurried way it was carried out in Chechnya. As a soldier, I had to carry out orders, however."

COMING UP

Lyudmila and Sergei Zverev, 72 and 69, are getting Russian pensions after careers as aircraft engineers. But they are still stunned by the collapse of the social system to which they devoted their lives.

A 'Smoking Gun' In Whitewater?

Aide Had Rose Firm Files

By Stephen Labaton Yew York Tones Service

WASHINGTON — During the 1992 presidential campaign, Vincent W. Foster Jr. removed files from Hillary Rodham Clinton's law firm about work she and other lawyers had done for the savings association owned by the Clintons' partner in the Whitewater land venture.

The removal of the files, made public by the Senate Whitewater committee, raised new questions about the steps taken by the Clinton campaign to defuse Whitewater as an issue.

The files were later turned over to Webster L. Hubbell, who stored them in the basement of his Washington home while serving as associate attorney general, according to David E. Kendall, the Clintons' personal lawyer, who testified before the Senate Whitewater panel.

The files were not returned to been unaware of their removal. until November 1993, after two investigations into Whitewater matters had begun and the issue had resurfaced as a potential problem for the White House.

The files returned to the law firm contained no bombshells, and Mr. Kendall told the Senate panel Monday that nothing im-proper had been done with them. He said the original files were taken from the law firm to enable the campaign to field inquiries about Whitewater and the savings association from news organizations. But he said he did not know why Mr. Foster had taken the original law firm

files, rather than make copies. Republicans on the Whitewater committee, who have been investigating Mrs. Clinton's role in the collapse of Madison Guaranty, the savings association, said the removal of the files was highly unusual and might have been intended by the campaign to conceal infor-mation. And they said the files could have provided the motive November 1993 letter from Mr. for Mrs. Chinton to try to pre-Kendall to Jerry C. Jones, a partvent investigators from exam-ining papers in Mr. Foster's of-

fice after his suicide in 1993. People ask us, what is there in Vincent Foster's files that the White House would want to "Firey appear to me to be conceal?" said Michael files of Rose Law Firm doc-Chertoff, the chief counsel for unions," the letter said. the Republicans.

as he knew, the files were never lican of New York, who heads

The files consisted mostly of documents having to do with efforts by the Madison Guaranty to win approval from state reg-

erences to Mrs. Clinton. But investigators have been trying to trace the trail of the files and determine whether any papers may have been destroyed by the Clinton campaign.

When the Whitewater issue first arose during the campaign, Bill Clinton and campaign aides were questioned by reporters about the role Mrs. Clinton played. While acknowledging that Mrs. Clinton had represented Madison in its request to a state regulator appointed by Mr. Clinton, then the Arkansas govemor, for permission to try an unusual stock offering, the Clintons and their aides described that work as minimal.

More recently, accounting records from the Rose firm made available by investigators show that she billed more for work on Madison matters than anyone else at the firm except for one junior associate.

Madison collapsed and was seized by the federal governthe Rose Law Firm, which had ment in 1989 at a cost to taxpayers of more than \$60 million. Examiners found that the savings association was rife with insider dealing and fraudulent transactions.

After a rush of attention is March 1992, interest in White water faded. But when Clinton mpaign officials came to Washington to take up administration posts, the files Mr. Foster had removed from the Rose firm came with them.

In earlier appearances before the committee, Mr. Hubbell has said he stored many campaign files in his basement because he believed they would continue to be kept confidential as a matter of attorney-client privilege so long as they were in his pos-session. The files were turned over to Mr. Kendall in November 1993, soon after he was retained to represent the Clintons.

The removal of the Rose Law Firm files by the campaign was discovered last week when the law firm turned over to congressional investigators a ner at the firm. In the letter, Mr. Kendall said he was returning the three Madison files, noting that they? were among the late Vincent Foster's files."

he Republicans.

After the hearing, Senator,
Mr. Kendall said that so far Alfonse M. D'Amato, Republicans.

Kendall's letter gun" and said that the removal of the files from the Rose firm provided new clues about why Mrs. Clinton had tried to block ulators to raise money. Some of investigators from going the papers contain passing refthrough Mr. Foster's files.

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David Marshall, 87, a Major Figure In Singapore's Independence, Dies

Mr. Dudayev.

SINGAPORE — David Marshall, a major figure in Singapore's struggle for independence and early development, died Tuesday. He was 87. Mr. Marshall was elected to

Chechnya advanced the start of voting in national and local elections by ing in national and local elections by day instead.

The legislature also gave residents

keep them on track despite threats of the right to vote without first reg-

disruption by separatists. istering at any polling station, in-Both the Russia-wide election and cluding a number of mobile ones.

lead Singapore, then ruled by Britain, in 1955. His Labor Front coalition won the first election that gave the island a

measure of self-government. He resigned the next year when constitutional talks for greater self-rule broke down. But he remained a member of parliament, where he criticized the authoritarian tendencies of the People's Action Party, which came to power in 1959, led the country to full independence in 1965 and continues to rule.

In 1978, at the age of 70, he retired as a lawyer and was appointed ambassador to France, Spain, Portugal and Switzerland, a post he held for 15 years. When he returned to Singa-

pore, he became an active cam- ner in contemporary terms. paigner for freedom of speech and a free press, blaming the government-controlled media for, he said, conditioning citizens not to question authority. He also complained that the

government encouraged entrepreneurship and business success, while stifling freedom of speech.

Karl Schrag, 82,

Painter and Printmaker NEW YORK (NYT) - Karl Schrag, a German-born American painter and printmaker whose work combined aspects of European and American modemism, died Sunday at his home in New York City. He was 82.

In a career that spanned more than 60 years, Mr. Schrag came to specialize in a painting style characterized by loose, energetic brushwork and resonant colors that restated the concerns of van Gogh, Matisse, and Kirch- sociation.

Henry Odera-Oruka, 56, Kenyan Philosopher NAIROBI (Reuters) - Hen-

Chechnya boycotted the previous parliamentary elections in Russia in

December 1993 and Moscow sees

this vote as a means of consolidating

its hold in the region and weakening

disrupt the elections, many Chechens

Since the rebels have pledged to

ry Odera-Oruka, a leading Kenyan philosopher, was killed by a car in Nairobi last weekend, the University of Nairobi announced Tuesday. Mr. Odera-Oruka, 56, was best known for his book "Sage Philosophy," in which he argued that some of the best thoughts and doctrines came from "old men, through experience, learnt in time," and in which he defended their right to express such wisdom.

Ann Nolan Clark, award-winning writer of children's books, mostly about her Indian students, died Wednesday in Tucson, Arizona, the day after her 99th birthday. In 1952, she won the Newberry Medal from the American Library As-

In France, Count on Shank's Mare

PARIS (Reuters) — The following is a summary of the disruption caused Tuesday on Day 19 of the strikes:

 There were no trains nationwide. Public transport remained. at a virtual standstill in Paris and many provincial cities. Only 3 percent of Paris buses were running. The leading CGT rail union voted to continue the strike for at least another 24 hours, saying concessions on pensions did not go far enough. Eurostar trains remained canceled between Paris and London, and just five return Eurostar trains between Brussels and London were scheduled.

Giant traffic jams again clogged approaches to the capital.
The Athis-Mons control center, responsible for air traffic

over Paris, closed briefly. Delays of up to an hour were expected and some flights were canceled. Striking fire fighters forced the capital's second airport at

Orly to shut down briefly. Regional airports of Chambery and Ferry services between Marseille and Corsica were reduced

The QE2 Skips France for Belgium

ZEEBRUGGE, Belgium (Reuters) — The QE2 loxury liner shunned strike-bound France on Tuesday, taking passengers expecting a shopping trip in Paris to Belgium.

The cruiser, on a short trip from Southampton, had been due at

the French port of Le Havre and offer passengers a day in Paris, before going to Amsterdam.
"With Paris chock-a-block with strikes we came to Zeebrugge instead," said Rony Brown of Cunard.

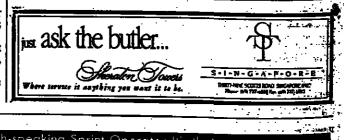
TRAVEL UPDATE

Lufthansa, Germany's flagship air carrier, has agreed to cooperate with the Slovenian airline Adria Airways, Lufthansa said Tuesday. Under the agreement, which goes into force Jan. 1, Lufthansa and Adria will coordinate their flight plans to improve connections between Germany and Slovenia.

Trams will trundle along Dublin's streets for the first time in 40 years under a 200 million Irish punt (\$317 million) plan unveiled Tuesday. The project is aimed at easing the road and rail system between the capital and key suburbs by providing electric-

South African Airways will again serve Argentina after an absence of 15-years, during which bilateral relations chilled the in racial separation in South Africa.

Tens of thousands of public service workers in Brussels are expected to march against austenty Wednesday and vent their fears of job losses in the privatization of state companies. Union leaders expect up to 50,000 protesters to descend on the capital in what union leaders called a day of protest, not a strike.



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Farmers' Lament: It Takes 2 to Make a Home on the Range

By Dirk Johnson New York Times Service

the stillness of the frozen prairie, directory published by the magazine a David Gasal walked along the snowy wheat fields with his constant com-

"I like to listen to the blue jays and watch the sunsets," said the 40-yearold farmer. "I like the quiet, too, I just, matters of the heart, just the opposite wish I had somebody to share it appears to be occurring."

rural America, drawn to bigger towns and cities for careers, the men left behind on farms are facing a difficult time by a wide margin by a wide margin linded, finding a decent, eligible linded, finding a decent, eligible finding marriage partners. This epidemic of bachelorhood has led some towns,

Indeed, finding a decent, eligible man in his late 30s or early 40s, some like Herman, Minnesota, to advertise their surplus of marriageable men in hope of attracting female suitors.

To help lonely hearts on the farm, several singles directories

New York

May End

Parole for

The Violent

By Clifford J. Levy New York Times Service

ALBANY, New York -Stepping up his campaign for

stricter penal laws, Governor George E. Pataki has announced

that he will introduce legislation to abolish parole for even first-

He also asked the Legislature

to approve construction of the

first new maximum-security prison in the state in a decade to

handle the increase inmates that would result from the new sen-

If Mr. Pataki's proposal be-came law, New York would

join 11 other states in doing away with parole for its worst

offenders, a change that the governor maintained would reduce crime by keeping felons

But as happened earlier this

vear when the governor suc-

cessfully pushed to cut off pa-

role for repeat violent offend-

ers, some judges, criminal justice experts and Democratic officials immediately criticized the plan as too inflexible, costly

Mr. Pataki's move to abolish

parole for all violent offenders

was included in a crimmal-nu

tice package that he is to in-bduce on Friday as part of his budget for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Pataki also proposed harsh-

er sentences for people convict-

ed of sexual assault on children,

gang violence, gun trafficking,

assaults on police officers and

But the call to revamp parole

policy and build a new max-

imum-security prison drew par-

ticular attention because the

state is facing a \$4 billion bud-

get gap that will most likely force sharp cuts in many social

programs. The new prison might cost up to \$150 million.

crimes that involve guns.

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emerged for rural people. One, pubseems to be one of them. A patient, nice if she would want to help run it. the plays on Broadway, the architectished by Farm Journal earlier this well-spoken man with the rugged But if she wanted a career other than ture. JAMESTOWN, North Dakota—In nearly double the number in a similar year, drew more than 4,300 entries, decade earlier.

panion, a rust-colored dog named wrongly — that rural America had Snickers, and ruminated about sunsets become less isolated due to the extension "We had assumed - evidently plosion in communication technology," said Karen Freiberg, the managing editor of Farm Journal. "In

in Farm Journal's directory, about As women have become scarce in .77 percent of the entries came from men. In urban areas' dating directo-

> women say, is about as easy as winning the lottery.

But in the remote corners of America, there is a good man or two left. Mr. have Gasal, a fourth-generation farmer,

physique of a football player, at 6 feet 3 inches and 215 pounds (1.9 meters and 97 kilograms), he does not smoke

cigarettes, chew tobacco or take drugs. He frequents the church more often than the saloon. He takes good care of his mother. He even gave shelter to Snickers, who had been abused and abandoned. He is interested in art and photography and belongs to the Audubon Society. "I don't hunt an-imals," he said. "I would rather take pictures of them."

What does the bachelor farmer hope to find in a woman?

"Well. I don't care about hair color, nice farmer. as long as it's not dyed something weird," Mr. Gasal said. "Also, I wouldn't feel comfortable with someone who was interested in body-piercing. And, I guess it would be nice if they're not grossly overweight."

He would like to meet a woman

But if she wanted a career other than ture. agriculture, he said, that would suit him just fine, too.

"Sometimes, I think the city gals find the farming life more appealing, since they sometimes have romantic ideas about it," Mr. Gasal said. "The gals who grew up in the country, they know a little too much about the struggles and hardship.'

In fact, after Farm Journal compiled its directory, the magazine got a barrage of calls and letters from women in cities who complained that they would the directory in the hopes of meeting a

Mr. Gasal has lived all of his life on the farm, but has traveled throughout much of the United States.

With other members of an art appreciation class he took at nearby amestown College a few years ago, he visited New York and was imwilling to live on a farm. It would be pressed by the art galleries in SoHo.

As he neared 40, it began to bother him that he might not find a partner.

"I don't want to be a bachelor, sitting around by myself," he said. "I'd really like to share my life with. somebody. Maybe have kids. Have someone carry on my name, maybe even carry on the farm.

He lives in a 96-year-old farmhouse with his mother, Lois, who is also eager for him to marry.

A generation ago and more, there were many more farm families, and have liked a chance to participate in more ways for people to get to know each other. There were barn dances, church picnics, card parties. Most of that has gone by the wayside.

In Farm Journal's directory, the biggest share of entries came from Iowa, followed by Illinois. But there were bachelor farmers from Canada and all but two states, Rhode Island and Hawaii. The oldest entrant was an 88-year-old man from Indiana.

POLITICALNOTES

For Segretti, the Joke Is on Him

NEWPORT BEACH, California — Donald Segretti, convicted political prankster and would-be candidate for judge. found out just how large Watergate still looms among local voters. Now he has quit the race.

Mr. Segretti, who last week declared himself a candidate for Superior Court judge, said the reaction was so negative that he decided to drop out. He said he did not want to drag his family through another public retelling of his old misdeeds. "They all wanted to talk about Nixon and Watergate," Mr.

Segretti said. "It really hit a raw nerve." A 53-year-old lawyer and former Nixon political op-erative, Mr. Segretti had said he thought he would be an ideal candidate for the job: He has been a military prosecutor, a civil lawyer — and, of course, a defendant.

But it was his work as a Nixon "dirty trickster" that Mr. Segretti found difficult to overcome. During the 1972 presidential campaign, he took part in an effort to discredit Mr. Nixon's Democratic political opponents.

For Magruder, New Voting Rights

FRANKFORT, Kentucky - As one of his last official acts, Governor Brereton Jones restored voting rights to Jeb Stuart Magruder, a Watergate conspirator.

Mr. Magruder, now a minister, spent seven months in prison for trying to cover up the break-in at Democratic National Committee headquarters in 1972. The break-in and cover-up led to the fall of Richard Nixon's presidency. Even though Mr. Magruder was convicted of a federal

crime — obstruction of justice — Mr. Jones apparently had the authority to restore Mr. Magruder's right to vote. (AP)

Waldholtz: T Let Down My Guard

SALT LAKE CTTY - Representative Enid Waldholtz, Republican of Utah, has declared herself the unwitting victim of a con man husband who embezzled money, defrauded banks and violated federal election laws.

The Republican freshman told reporters that she had once been deeply in love with her husband, Joseph, but had come to discover "that everything I'd known" about him "was a

Mrs. Waldholtz added that, in retrospect, it had been a huge mistake to entrust her personal and campaign finances to her husband. "This is the one area of my life where I completely

let down my guard," she said.

Joseph Waldholtz is due to appear Friday before a federal grand jury investigating the case.

Giuliani: No to a Gun Ban Repeal

NEW YORK — Warning against a growing movement among Republicans in Congress to repeal the ban on assault weapons, Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani of New York City has taken the unusual step of a joining gun-control advocates at a news conference to denounce such a repeal.

Mr. Giuliani said that if anything, the ban should be extended. "To try to have a rollback so that weapons that kill the maximum number of people in a minimum amount of time can be more available would be a terrible, terrible mistake," he said at a City Hall news conference. (NYT)

Quote/Unquote

Senator Joseph Biden, Democrat of Delaware, as the Senate prepared to vote on a measure giving Congress the power to prohibit physical desecration of the flag: "Although the flag may stand alone, it should not and it cannot stand above our most cherished freedom of speech."



A three-story home toppling into the sinkhole that opened up in a fashionable San Francisco neighborhood near Golden Gate Bridge.

AMERICAN

Truly Wannabe Saint Nicks: Go to Kansas and See the Pro

Dick Conkling has been a Santa Claus so often he now gives lessons to other aspiring Saint Nicks. Mr. Conkling, 53, a printing broker in Roeland Park, Kansas, greets children at the Mission Center Mall in Mission, Kansas, and is the main attraction at

dozens of private parties.

A big man with bright blue eyes and his own full white beard, Mr. Conkling conducted a Santa School at the Bannister Mall in Kansas City.

"I told them what to expect: You're gonna get your beard pulled, your

glasses ripped off, your hat taken off.
You're gonna be poked, pinched,
you'll be wet on, you'll be spit up

A three-story

He also told the would-be Santas how to handle sensitive issues. "You get kids that will say, 'I'd like my mom and dad to be back together again,' or 'My grandma died last year, could you bring her back?' I usually skirt those if I can, but if I can't, I tell

them that Santa Claus just deals in One thing he has to work on, Mr. Conkling said, is his Santa laugh. "My normal laugh is a ha-ha. It takes me a week or two every Christ-

mas season to get back into ho-ho." Santa also has to think fast. One day he had come back from a quick smoke. "This kid sat on my lap and he said, 'You smell like smoke.' And I said, Yeah, that's because of all those chimtime. I can't get rid of that smell.' "

A three-story Tudor-style house and part of another dwelling collapsed into a huge sinkhole that opened up on a street in an exclusive San Francisco neighborhood. A 100-year-old sewer pipe filled by torrential rain ruptured, causing a sinkhole in Seacliff, a fashionable neighborhood near Golden Gate Bridge, that grew to a width of about 200 feet and a depth of 60 feet. The sinkhole also claimed a huge tree, a pickup truck, power lines and debris. Nobody was hurt.

The Executioner's Song: Esequel Banda, 31, was executed by injection at Huntsville prison in Texas for murdering a 74-year-old woman. He was the 18th person executed by the state this year, a record. The previous high was 17 executions, in 1993. Texas has neys I keep going up and down all the executed 103 people since the state restored the death penalty in 1982.

 John Albert Taylor, convicted in Utah of the rape-murder of an 11-yearold girl, has requested that he be executed by firing squad next month. He would be the first capital prisoner to die by gunshot since Gary Gilmore in 1977. Utah is the only state that offers death by firing squad as an alternative form of execution.

About People

Betty Ford, 77, was not enthusiastic when the Betty Ford Center for treatment of addiction was named after her five years after her husband, Gerald, now 82, had left the presidency in 1977. 'Of course, I didn't want my name on she told the Los Angeles Times. "Why would I? What if I couldn't stay sober? I could be a big embarrassment." But she did stay sober and has long served as the center's highly ac-

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tive chairwoman of the board.

Ottawa's New Volley at Tobacco Promotion

By Charles Trueheart Washington Post Service

TORONTO — The Canadian govern-ment is moving to reimpose a ban on the court overturned. virtually all tobacco advertising and sharply curtail corporate promotion of to-bacco brands, including sponsorship of sporting and cultural events.

"Tobacco products are like no other," said the federal health minister, Dianne Marleau, in announcing a new legislative package that the Canadian Parliament will consider next year. "They are addictive, hazardous and lethal. We must protect young Canadians from inducements to use

Canada has long imposed stiffer restrictions on tobacco advertising than those prevailing in other countries, including a ban on billiboard and print advertisements as well as advertisements on radio and television.

Health warnings on cigarette packages are much more prominent here than in the United States, for example, and tobacco cannot be sold in vending machines in

But the Canadian Supreme Court threat-But the Canadian stance when it ruled in against the move, characterizing it as September that the prevailing statute, the an unconstitutional infringement on free the governor-general to become law, condom of speech.

Abruptly free to advertise again, Canadian tobacco manufacturers have held back immediate impact on tobacco companies' in anticipation of this week's legislative sponsorship of jazz festivals, tennis tourresponse, which goes well beyond the law

tobacco control in the federal Health Min-

istry, said:

*Canadian tobacco companies have exploited sponsorship and marketing in the

context of a complete ban."

Lawmakers Endorse A Gesture to Quebec Agence France-Presse

OTTAWA — The House of Commons has recognized the people of Quebec as a "distinct society" in Canada, a gesture aimed at calming the tension coming from the province's Francophone separatist

The proposal was approved by a vote of 148 to 91 and comes in recognition of Quebec's 'French-speaking majority, mique culture and civil law tradition."

The separatist Bloc Québécois voted meaningless. The resolution, which must Septemora and Products Control Act, was be approved by the Senate and signed by fers no new powers on the province.

naments and other sporting and cultural events. They would prohibit cigarette

Carole Lacombe, director of the office of brand names and logos on T-shirts, caps and other promotional items; would require prominent health warnings next to any such logos on promotional signs; would prohibit the use of cigarette brands to name sponsored events, like the Players Open tennis tournament, and would restrict the duration of public advertising for the

Asked to square the government's ambitious legislation with the Supreme Court decision, Ms. Marlean said that the court's language left room for such restrictions when the link between smoking and advertising was substantiated with research and the alternatives were proven inade-

The federal health minister said that she expected to provide that information and establish the link, which the tobacco industry continues to dispute.

There is no evidence linking the smoking decision either to the presence or absence of advertising," said Robert Parker, president of the Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers Council.

"Advertising is a tool to defend your current market share and go after your competitors," he said.

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Away From Politics

 The Bureau of Engraving and Printing is missing an additional \$20,000 in newly printed bills less than a month after \$40,000 in fresh cash apparently was stolen from a shipment to a federal reserve bank.

• Stephen V. Pyne of Annapolis, Maryland, has pleaded guilty to conning his way into the lives of World War II heroes and stealing their medals. He faces up to four and a half years in prison for theft.

• A man responding to a burglar alarm at his Missouri City, Texas, home shot and killed his 16-year-old daughter, who was hiding in a closet playing hooky. The police were leaving it up to a grand jury to decide whether Sheree's father, Samuel Walker, should be charged.





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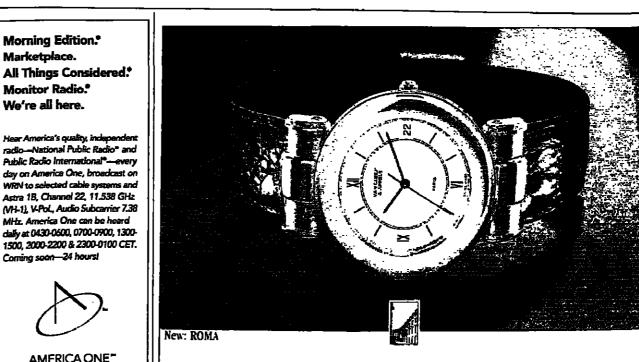
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Scandals Shame Nation, Kim Says

Opposition Isn't Swayed by Vow to End Corruption

Young Sam of South Korea bit- and Roh Tae Woo. terly attacked his two detained root out the legacy of corrup-tion left by military-backed litical slush fund.

governments. dals engulfing his country were Kim on the crisis. branded as a whitewash by the main opposition party, which demanded that Mr. Kim apolimto Mr. Roh's slush funds. But tion's self-esteem and open bright future for our nation."

SEOUL - President Kim presidents, Chun Doo Hwan "a single cent."

predecessors Tuesday as month on charges of taking stead of coming forward to rein 1980 by Mr. Chun and Mr. "shameless" and vowed to \$369 million in bribes from mapent and beg forgiveness for Roh who, as army generals, jor businessmen to build a po-

But Mr. Kim's first public dicating that they had expected that are an affront to history." comments on the political scan- greater clarity from President

ogize for his links to the former the president has denied taking ited an ailing former president, presidents. Chun Doo Hwan "a single cent." the president has denied taking ited an ailing former president, Choi Kyu Hah, at his home here

Referring to Mr. Chun and Mr. Roh is to stand trial this Mr. Roh, Mr. Kim said, "In- he had been forced to step down their past wrongdoings, they fur- headed the junta. ther infuriated the people with

He called for a "revolution of honor" to "recover the na-Mr. Kim has been accused by tion's self-esteem and open a

don" and allow him to live in exile in France.

Later, two prosecutors vis-

his task of clearing up the past.
The president's statement came on the 16th anniversary of Prince Sirivudh, secretary-general of the roy-alist party known as Funcinpec, has been jailed army massacre of anti-goversince Nov. 21, charged with attempting to over-

A spokesman for the oppo-

and questioned him on whether

Mr. Choi, 76, led a transition Investors sold off stocks, in- shameless behavior and remarks government for eight months after President Park Chung Hee was assassinated by his intelligence chief in late 1979. The following year, Mr. Choi gave way to Mr. Chun, who was re-placed by Mr. Roh in 1988.

Mr. Kim said the scandals had damaged South Korea's reputation and pledged to "crush any anti-historic and anti-democratic challenges" to

the 1979 coup that led to an Roh. ment demonstrators in the city of Kwangju the following May. The official Kwangju death toll is about 200 people.

sition National Congress for opposition party with the gov-New Politics attacked Mr. Kim erning camp led by Mr. Roh and



SLIDE - A China Airlines jet in Manila after landing gears failed Tuesday while taxiing with crew only. No one was hurt.

for failing to address his own links to Mr. Chun and Mr.

'This is only aimed at covering up his misdeeds," a spokesman said. He added that the president should "repent

Securities brokers said investors were disappointed by Mr. Kim's statement, which they found vague. "The market was hoping something good In 1990, Mr. Kim merged his would come from Kim's speech, but it was disappointing because there was no clear

became its successful candidate statement of his relationship in the 1992 presidential election with the slush fund scandal. Choe Se Ung. 34, his wife said Robert Song of Ssangyong Securities. (Reuters, AP)

■ Defector From North

South Korean intelligence officials said that a North Korean businessman defected to South Korea on Tuesday with three family members, The Associ-

Choe Se Ung. 34, his wife and two children arrived at Seoul's Kimpo Airport from an unspecified European country and were taken away for questioning, the officials said.

Twenty-five North Koreans have defected to the South this year. Most complained about economic hardship at home.

Cambodian Might Be Exiled to France called the situation "sorrowful." His reply was released just hours after King Sihanouk asked him to grant Prince Norodom Sirivudh a "semi-par-

PHNOM PENH — The second prime minister of Cambodia, Hun Sen, quickly accepted a request from King Norodom Sihanouk on Tuesday that the monarch's imprisoned half-brother be exiled instead of made to stand trial on charges of plotting Hun Sen's assassination.

'I wish to follow fully your majesty's humble idea, which has been raised in your majesty's message, with respect and fidelity," Hun Sen said in a letter to the king.

He said he understood the king's position and calling the prince a "political prisoner."

throw the government and criminal conspiracy.

The case has drawn international attention, and several officials of foreign governments and human rights groups have condemned the arrest,

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Manila on High Alert As Death Squad Kills 4 Reuters No one took responsibility MANILA — The police for the killing of the little boy,

were ordered onto a high state of alert Tuesday after the killings of a prominent indus-trialist and a 5-year-old boy in what President Fidel V. Ramos said was a declaration of war by a leftist death squad.

Leonardo Ty, 82, and 5-yearold Jeremy Tay Jin Han of Singapore were among four people killed in three attacks Monday. The attacks, attributed to the leftist Alex Boncayao Brigade, all involved targets from the involved in protection and ex-

Philippines' Chinese business community, a group often victimized by kidnappers. brigade said Mr. Ty was killed three of the gunnen were because of "blood debts" to known brigade members.

Mills Inc. Mr. Ty's driver was also killed in the attack. other Philippine-Chinese in-dustrialist, Benjamin Yu, who

was shot in both legs.

who was a passenger in a car owned by another Philippine Chinese industrialist, Ramon

A bodyguard was also killed in that attack, while the boy's mother, Tan Lay Luan, her maid and the driver were wounded. Ramon Chuz was not in the car.

"Apparently this signals a declaration of war by the terrorists and those that have been tortion," Mr. Ramos said at a news conference.

A police intelligence official A statement to Manila radio said that witnesses' descripstations reported to be from the tions confirmed that at least

the people arising from fatal The group became notorious accidents at his Manila Paper in the 1980s for a series of attacks. One of its most promi-The brigade also claimed re-sponsibility for an attack on an-advising the Philippines on counterinsurgency tactics. The group is named for a labor lead-er allegedly killed by the army.

BRIEFLY

Kuomintang Expels 2 Leaders

TAIPEI - Taiwan's Kuomintang expelled two deputy chairmen on Tuesday who campaigned for the opposition in recent parliamentary elections, raising the specter of a deeper

rift in the ruling party.

A party disciplinary committee found that former Prime
Minister Han Pei-tsun and a former president of the Judicial Yuan, Lin Yang-kang, had damaged the party's interests and viciously attacked a party member, as well as violated the

But Mr. Lin and General Hau, who are running together for president against President Lee Teng-hui, refused to accept the expulsion. "I do not accept," Mr. Lin said. "I still have qualifications to reform the Nationalist Party"

General Hau, who still commands heavy support in the military, scoffed at the ruling. "Do they have that power? I don't think I can accept this," he said. (Reuters)

Strike Is Called in Bangladesh

DHAKA — Bangladesh's opposition groups called Tuesday for a 24-hour national strike on Sunday followed by a countrywide siege of election offices in an effort to block general elections planned for Jan. 18. "The strike on Dec. 17 is intended to stop registration by

nominees of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party to contest the election," said Mohammed Nasim, a leader of the main opposition Awami League.

"There will be a siege of election offices across the country on Dec. 18." he said. The allied opposition Jatiya Party and the Jamaat-e-Islami also announced identical protest plans vowing to frustrate any elections under Prime Minister (Party 1).

Shelling Kills 3 in Central Kabul

KABUL — A morning artillery barrage against central Kabul killed at least three pedestrians and wounded two on Tuesday, witnesses and hospital sources said.

Three shells, apparently fired by the Islamic Taleban militia, which has been besieging the Afghanistan capital since September, landed near the Kabut radio and television complex. Traders said a fourth shell crashed into one of the buildings in the complex.

Australia Deports 68 Refugees

CANBERRA— Australia sent 68 more Chinese-Vietnamese boat people back to China on Wednesday, bringing the total number deported since January to 533.

The latest group, the eighth to be repatriated, flew out of Port Hedland, Western Australia, early Wednesday, bound for Newsian in Granula (ARI) for Nanning in Guangxi Province.

VOICES From Asia

Lin Huaqiu, deputy foreign minister of China, in an annual review of the world situation: "It is impossible that a new world war will break out, since peace, stability and development remain the mainstream of today's world." (Reuters)

Nicholas Burns, the State Department spokesman, on the trial of one of China's leading dissidents: "Under any normal country, any normal system of justice, certainly under a number of treaties that guarantee individual civil liberties. including the UN Declaration of Human Rights, Mr. Wei Jingsheng ought to be released."

via the

nent victims was Colonel James

EUROPE

French Official Sees ar-Right Mayor's ction as Invalid

NICE, France — A government official recommended year. Tuesday that the election of a far right National Front member as mayor of the southern city of Toulon be annulled because of irregularities in cam-

prign expenses.

The government commisoner, Alain Foucher, also called for the mayor, Jean-

Death of a Legislator Cuts Major's Majority

LONDON — The death of a Conservative legislator Tuesday cut Prime Minister John Major's majority in Parliament to five, making it harder for him to

avoid an early general election. Sir David Lightbown, 63, won by 7,192 votes in the 1992 election for the English seat of Staffordshire South-East.

But, based on current trends in opinion polls, his seat would almost certainly be captured by the opposition Labor Party in a than 15 percent of the votes in by-election now expected a few months into 1996.

Marie Le Chevallier, to be banned from public office for a

Mr. Chavallier was elected in June municipal elections in Nice, one of three French cities in which the National Front

gained control of circinalis.

The mayor appeared at a administrative tribunal to bear the recommendations and said he would appeal if a ruling on the case that is due to be handed down on Dec. 19 went against

The government commissioner was called in after the CCFP CCFP election-monitoring body rejected Mr. Chevallier's campaign accounts last month because his financial agent was also running for election, to a seat on the city council.

The mayor asserted Tuesday the law was "badly written." The National Pront also won city hall elections in the southem towns of Managnane and

The National Front leader. Jean-Marie Le Pen, won more

Orange in June.



AUTHOR, AUTHOR - The nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky signing copies Tuesday of 'The Last Blow on Russia, which tells of a Western conspiracy to destroy Russia. His party is expected to falter in Sunday's elections.

For Turks, Life (or Death) in Germany Still Offers No Respite

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

her father died 15 years ago, Nilgul leveling. But Mrs. Imrencler, a Turk-Imrencler buried him in the Muslim ish citizen whose family moved here section of the Cologne West cemetery; 33 years ago, has fought the order,

everything, though, she was unaware prevent the leveling of the graves. or swim alongside boys in the usual of the bylaws for the dead.

City officials told her that the kind some as Islam imported by immigrants sharpening of grave she had chosen for her father takes root. "All the the kind chosen by some 40 percent in recent months, said Cem

WESSELING, Germany - When that Christian graves were also set for believing his grave would enjoy eter argains that Islam forbids the disrup-nal screnity. Those of the remains of the dead. Her In a land where there are rules for lawyers have secured a court order to

the bylaws for the dead.

The case is part of a broader debate. German way.

Visiting the cemetery earlier this over the extent to which Muslims. For Turks

of families of all faiths — qualified Ozdemir, the only Turkish-descended Wild, a professor of Islamic studies at contrast between memories of Ger- a 25-year, renewable lease.

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flict with German butchery laws. Turkish parents in Bremen and Freiburg have gone to court, Mr. Ozdernir said, to ensure that their daughters are not forced to play sports

year, Mrs. Immenciar found a large particularly the 2 million Turks living has a particular twist. They come from white sign in front of 270 Muslim among 80 million Germans, may dea a land that, since 1923, has been ofheadstones, including her father's: mand a particular status on grounds of ficially secular. But it is also a land "This butial ground is to be lever faith. If also points up the clash of where confrontation between secular eled."

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> All the big debates in Turkey are echoed in Germany," said Stefan

only for 15 years' peace. Then it had to member of the German Parliament, be flattened to make way for others. arguments have crupted over Muslim sharper because people can say things in Germany that they are not allowed that Grissian graves were also set for to traditions that resemble those of leveling. But Mrs. Immencler, a Turk- Jewish kosher practices but that conis magnified because many Turks, confronted with alien ways in Germany, seek a return to Islam.

Mrs. Imrencler, whose family has bought a four-bedroom house in this and Cologne, does not count herself For Turks in Germany, the conflict among the Islamic fundamentalists, however. Indeed, she regards herself money. as an advocate among Turks for Gerthe business with her father's grave, she said, has strained her ability to persuade Turks to see their German hosts as the good guys.

Mrs. Imrencler said: "We were the builders of Germany's economic miracle. So we have a right to live here and be buried here.

For the city authorities of Cologne, refinery town midway between Bonn however, the issue has nothing to do with religious faith or immigrants' rights. It is a matter of space and

According to Reinhard Muck, the man benevolence toward them. But city official overseeing Cologne's graveyards, Mrs. Imrencler chose a 'row grave'' 15 years ago, rather than a "grave of choice." Row graves cost osts as the good guys. \$600 for a 15-year, nonrenewable The bitterness is amplified by the lease. Graves of choice cost \$1,600 for

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Single Currency Storm Warning

BONN - Oskar Lafontaine, the new leader of the German opposition, suggested Tuesday that the European Union's plans for a single currency could lead to widespread joblessness and even social instability.

Mr. Lafontaine, who toppled Rudolf Scharping as chief of the Social Democratic Party three weeks ago, said the party favored merging the currencies of the European Union nations — "for economic and political reasons."

But he suggested that high joblessness and instability could

result from EU members' push to meet the budgetary conditions for joining the proposed monetary union.

"If European economies weaken further," he said, "it will become increasingly difficult for all member states to meet the conditions for monetary union. But the European Monetary Union must not be allowed to become a pan-European program for recession."

Spain Cheers Its EU Leadership

MADRID - Spain congratulated itself on Tuesday for what it described as a "magnificent" performance in its sixmonth turn as president of the European Union, which culminates in a summit meeting in Madrid this weekend.

"The Spanish presidency of the EU, I believe, has been a great success," Foreign Minister Javier Solana Madariaga said in a radio interview. "Everybody admits that it has been a magnificent presidency."

The summit meeting on Friday and Saturday that will cap Spain's turn at the EU helm is likely to settle on "Euro" as the name for the planned single currency and to define crucial details of the transfer scheduled for 1999, said Mr. Solana, the next secretary-general of NATO.

EU-Ankara Pact Looks Set

BRUSSELS — The plan to break down trade barriers between the European Union and Turkey is headed for almost certain approval Wednesday despite lingering concerns in Western Europe about Ankara's human rights record.

The European Parliament, whose vote is the only remaining obstacle to the customs union, has gradually and grudgingly embraced the deal as the best way to push democratic reform in Turkey.

"It will be a great majority," said Jannis Sakellariou, a German member of the Parliament's dominant Socialist faction. The free-trade union, to take effect Jan. 1., will apply to all goods except agricultural items and steel.

European Union events scheduled for Wednesday:

PARIS: The commissioner for foreign relations with Eastern Europe, Hans van den Broek, participates in the conference on the former Yugoslavia and the signing of the Dayton Accord.

MEXICO: The commissioner for industrial affairs, Martin Bangemann, begins an official visit to Mexico, with which the commission is preparing a new commercial agreement.

STRASBOURG: Commission President Jacques Santer addresses Parliament on the Madrid summit meeting. Sources: Agence Europe, AFP

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Thai Demand for a Potent Missile Puts U.S. in a Bind

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

BANGKOK — As a battle between the United States, Europe and Russia heats up, Thailand has found that the export to Southeast Asian countries. rivalry offers leverage for gaining ac-

cess to advanced military technology. Thailand's planned purchase of 16 of about \$1 billion has been held up by its insistence that they be armed with the Advanced Medium Range Air-to- aging an arms race in the region. Air missile, or Amraam, that U.S. pi-

The problem for Washington is that the highly accurate, radar-homing missile, with a range of about 50 kilometers for shares of the Asian arms market (30 miles), has not been released for

To do so now, when Thailand — a U.S. ally - faces no obvious external threat, could invite criticism in Con-American-made F-18 fighters at a cost gress and elsewhere that the Clinton administration is violating its policy to control military exports and encour-

But the Thai Air Force commander, tactic appears to have succeeded.

lots used with great success against the Siripong Thongyai, has threatened to Iraqis in the Gulf War, pull out of the deal if the missiles are not included. He said Thailand would turn instead to France or Russia for a supply of similar fighters and missiles.

France has offered to sell the Mirage 2000-5 with Mica air-to-air missiles, while Russia has offered the MiG-29 or the Su-27 with R-77 missiles.

In a buyer's market - where all arms manufacturers have been hit by falling orders and are desperately trying to stave off further job losses by winning foreign sales — Thailand's

Rapid economic growth in East Asia is enabling countries to modernize their armed forces, and the re- placed an order for the F-18. It will get gion is the fastest growing market in the world for weapons, especially jet

Amraam technology" to Southeast Asia, a U.S. official said Tuesday. But we are not going to lose this sale to Thailand. I'm quite confident on this and so are the relevant Thai authorities. It's just a matter of trying to find a mutually acceptable formula."

So far, Malaysia is the only country in Southeast Asia to have formally eight of the twin-engine fighters in late 1996 and 1997, without the Amraams.

The American official said that any "For arms-control reasons, we have F-18's ordered by Thailand would not concerns about being the first to release be delivered until 1998 or 1999.

He said it was "a safe assumption" that Amraam-type technology would be available in the region before then. 'We would not want to unilaterally deny the Amraam to Thailand if sim-

ilar technology was available from other sources," the official added.

Nairobi Lament **Mayor Faces Corruption,** Low Funds and Outages

By Donatella Lorch New York Times Service

NAIROBI - Mayor John Kingori says he has a call from God to salvage this city. Yet attempts by Mr. Kingori so far suggest that he may also need some help from God to provide the 3 million or so residents here with such basic services as water, electricity, garbage pickup, adequate roads and re-

liable relephone service.

The number of people in Kenya's capital has tripled in the last decade and is expected to grow to 4.5 million by the turn of the century. But the city's finances are so low, the mayor said, that there is no money to repair roads, expand water supplies or deploy enough trucks to collect garbage for the

current population.

What's more, for trying to fight corruption in the city council, he has received anonymous death threats and was

recently wounded by a young gunman.
"Nairobi has been dismantled," Mr. Kingori said in a recent interview in his office. "Water and sewage are a great problem. Roads are a huge problem. We lack the funds. We are paying a lot of money for telephones and electricity, but why do we not have enough? I complain like other citizens. The charges are there but the services are not there."

Although to some extent Nairobi's problems are shared by most other Third World capitals, Kenya, surrounded by countries afflicted by civil war or ruled by dictators, established itself as eastern Africa's most industrialized and most stable nation and attracted much foreign investment and .

But increasingly in the last 10 years, corruption and mismanagement have undermined the foundations for energy, telecommunications and transportation, all sectors of

paironage and power. Recently, after a daylong blackout in Nairobi's business area, the telephone system there collapsed. Even when the system is working, a phone call across town often requires, more than five attempts because the technology dates from the 1930s, and connections are uncertain once they are

A sporadic supply of electricity forces schoolchildren to study by candlelight, spoils food in refrigerators, delays meals when stoves do not work and stalls the work of businesses that depend on fax machines, photo-copiers, print-

ers, computers and elevators.
For residents like George Mwangi Juguna, 50, a guard who lives in one of Nairobi's slums, the economic decay means that he wakes his five children an hour before dawn so they can buy water while supplies are available, a task that requires them to walk two miles (3.2 kilometers) before heading off to

"Getting water is a nightmare," Mr. Juguna said. "Most of the people here just go without water for up to two days at a time. The problems can only get worse because people keep on moving into Nairobi."

Seeking to rebuild the country's crumbling system of basic services, the World Bank and Western donors plan to invest bundreds of millions of dollars to privatize energy and telecommunications as well as to rebuild roads, but progress is painstakingly slow and several of the projects have not yet been approved by the donors.

Whites Flee Crime in South Africa

By Suzanne Daley New York Times Service

JOHANNESBURG - At the end of this month, Heidi Moller will move from South Africa to Germany, leaving the country she was born in without a hint of regret. Her husband's business is not doing well. The school system, she believes, is disintegrating. But most of all, she says, she is leaving because fear has come to overwhelm her family.

Last year, ner husband. Hans, a survevor, was shot at from a passing vehicle as he worked in a northern Johannesburg suburb. A few months later, he was forced off the road by hijackers and, as he struggled

with one of them, was shot in the leg.
One of Mrs. Moller's best friends was shot in the hip, and her husband was killed in front of their children. Her brother inlaw was shot at in his driveway as four armed men tried to steal his car.

If she and her husband had tried to leave two years ago as South Africa was preparing for its first free elections, Mrs. Moller says, her friends would have called them cowards and accused them of running away. But these days, she says, "All we find is that people are envious."

Experts say the white, the wealthy and the educated are leaving South Africa in growing numbers, draining the country of experts when it is desperately needed. Most of those departing have several reasons for going and a bleak view of the role that white

people can have in this country's future. But most often, the move is a response to the violent crime that is on the increase, and seems to have touched almost everyone.

Much of the new terror is confined to the white suburbs of Johannesburg. These areas were well protected under the old govemment and the residents worried about crime little more than suburban residents do in America. But these days, every house is a fortress, with burglar bars on the winthe bedrooms from the rest of the house for complicated. So people just go. extra protection at night.

Garden walls are topped by ever-evolving forms of razor wire, unclimbable "cacspikes, or electric wires that deliver a jolt as they set off an alarm. And, carrying gun is ever more commonplace.

"Someone close to you gets hurt and you think, 'It could happen to me,' "said Ron Stern, who has a business selling windows and doors and says he is considering leaving. "Should I stick around and risk my children's lives? You are in a constant state." That's on "Should I stick around and risk my of limbo trying to figure this out. That's our

daily existence. That's what we do.' The exodus has hit particularly hard at some professions, perhaps none more than medicine. One doctor recently sent the photograph of his graduating class to a local paper, showing that at least 76 of the 186 graduates in 1984 had emigrated. But moving-company executives say that whites from all backgrounds, including

Afrikaners, are leaving.
Government statistics, collected from departure forms filled out at the airport, show that peak emigration was in the first half of 1994, just before the elections, when the fear was of rioting or civil war. But recent people said they were emigrating, about twice the number of five years before.

on their departure forms. Moving companies and relocation specialists say they have not been this busy since the late 1970s, when a wave of brutal riots started what is known in the business as the first 'chicken rum.'

"When they give the stats in the paper, I always laugh," said Estelle Sachavitz of said an accountant, sweeping his hand Stuttafords Removals, a big moving company. "Most people don't say they are

dows and a steel "rape gate" separating their funds are blocked and things get very

The long-term consequences for South Africa are unclear. Some emigrants will return, unable to make a go of it elsewhere. But for a country finally trying to improve the lives of a population and in need of jobs, health care and good schools, the loss of the

educated elite is a blow.

All over Africa, post-colonial economies fell apart when the English, Portuguese or French colonizers were scared out - a lesson that was not lost on the African National Congress. At a meeting with black executives, President Nelson Mandela said that accommodating whites was in the country's best interest. "In putting aside the quarrels of the past," he said, "we have a country which has the opportunity to acquire education, skills and expertise in many fields. We want this."

To be sure, crime is not the only reason whites leave. Mrs. Moller said her husband was having a harder and harder time getting people to pay their bills and felt the whole country was becoming lawless. Changes to government bureaucracies have made filing paperwork a nightmare. And there is talk of revamping property laws, in ways that will diminish the need for land surveyors.

Most go to Australia, England, the Unit-ed States, Canada or New Zealand. Many have quietly kept up dual citizenship to twice the number of five years before.

Experts say those statistics greatly underestimate the problem because people lie but in the way of applicants. When Frasers, a major moving company, sponsored a free seminar on immigration laws, open to 300 people, the response was so big they repeated it three times.

Many of those who want to leave believe their wealth will shrink overseas.

across his property — a five-bedroom house with a pool. "We will have a basic leaving for good. As soon as they say that, house and a basic motor vehicle."



THESE BOOTS WERE MADE FOR FIGHTING -President Nelson Mandela of South Africa holding boots, returned to him Tuesday, that be last wore in 1962 in Tanzania as he planned his campaign to fight apartheid.

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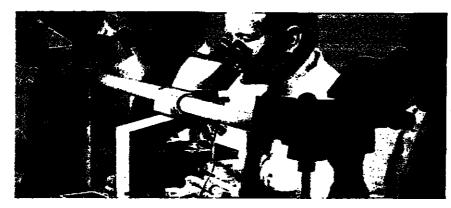
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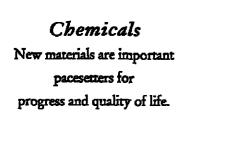
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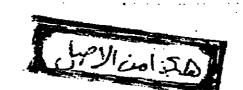
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Senate Rejects Flag-Desecration Ban

WASHINGTON - In a close vote Tuesday, the Senate rejected a Constitutional amendment that would have given Congress the power to prohibit physical

desecration of the American flag.
The Senate voted, 63 to 36, for the measure, three votes shy of the two-thirds majority needed for an amendment.

The amendment was supported by 49 Republicans and 14 Democrats and op-posed by 32 Democrats and four Repub-

The Senate Indiciary Committee chair-man, Orrin G. Hatch, a Utah Republican, said President Bill Clinton's opposition to what proponents hoped would be the 28th Amendment to the Constitution was the decisive factor in its defeat.

would be open to a federal law banning desecration of the flag, but that he opposes a constitutional amendment.

The House approved, 312 to 120, a

national symbol. If the Senate had adopted the bill, the House and Senate would have went into effect in 1789, but only 27 have had to work out a final version in a conference committee.

Mr. Clinton would not have been able to two-thirds majority.

Before the final vote, the Senate rejected, 71 to 28, a substitute version proposed by Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the leading Republican critic of an amendment. The substitute would have barred desecration by legislative means rather than changing the Constitution.

The Senate also defeated, 93 to 5, lan-Delaware Democrat, that would remove the word "desecration." He said the word was too subjective and would empower The White House said that Mr. Clinton Congress to bar the burning, mutilation or

"The guys in the powdered wigs had it about right in 1792," said Michael McCurry, White House press secretary.

Solution by Mi. Induct, to the states in the House bill in a bid to overcome objections that states might enact conflicting laws. His version read: "The Congress shall have power to probroader amendment in June that gives both hibit the physical desecration of the flag of Congress and the states the power to determine what is unlawful desecration of the

Congress has proposed more than

been ratified. The Bill of Rights comprises

The 26th Amendment, passed in 1971. veto it if it had passed both chambers by a lowered the voting age to 18. The 27th, two-thirds majority. place before congressional pay raises go into effect, was ratified in 1992, more than 200 years after Congress proposed it as part of the original Bill of Rights.

The last time Congress sent an amendment to the states was in 1978, a measure to give the District of Columbia statehood. It died after seven years because the required nage proposed by Joseph Biden, a three-fourths of state legislatures failed to

ratify it.
Mr. Hatch argued that the amendment is needed to overturn two Supreme Court rul-Congress to bar the burning, munianous or trampling of the flag, regardless of intent.

The Senate version, which was sponsored by Mr. Hatch, deleted the reference are denied the right to protect their unique national symbol in the law?," he asked.

But opponents said flag-burning was rare — they cited figures showing only three incidents in 1994 and none in 1993 and that the proposed amendment was a direct affront to First Amendment rights to free speech. (AP, Reuters)



Shimon Peres during his address to Congress on Tuesday, as Vice President Gore and Speaker Gingrich applauded.

Las Vegas Must Šhut Lasers for Air Safety

LAS VEGAS — Federal

regulators, worried that pilots flying over Las Vegas might be temporarily blinded have banned the laser light shows that flash nightly over this glittering resort

The lights were ordered shut off immediately within a 20-mile (32-kilometer) radius of McCarran International Airport until the casinos can show that they can keep the beams out of the eyes of pilots.

The ban by the Food and Drug Administration was imposed in response to in-creased complaints from pi-lots who say they have been momentarily unable to see after the light beams flashed in their cockpits. The agency usually regulates lasers as medical devices.

"We must all do our parts to prevent the occurrence of a tragedy that could cost hundreds of lives," an agency compli-ance official, Lillian J. Gill, told a half-dozen casinos in a letter sent Monday ordering the shutoff.

Ms. Gill said the ban affected only Las Vegas, but said her agency would not hesitate to extend the ban to other areas where outdoor laser light shows might pose a problem to airplane pilots.

McCarran Airport has received 51 reports of pilots temporarily blinded by the lights, including an Oct. 30 incident in which a co-pilot was forced to grab the controls after a Southwest Airlines pilot, Shelby LaCroix, was temporarily blinded

only 3 miles into a takeoff.

Had it hit me and the other pilot simultaneously, I shudder to think what would have happened," Mr. LaCroix said.

Hurricane Winds Cut Power To Thousands on West Coast

Schools Shut in Washington and Oregon

The Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO — Hurricane-force wind and heavy rain blasted the West Coast on exposed on bridges and knocking out power for tens of thou-

sands of people. Many Oregon and Washing-ton state schools canceled classes or closed early as the storm rolled in from the Pacific, and wind gusted to more than 100 miles an hour (160 kilometers an hour) along the Oregon coast.

The high tide in Seattle on Tuesday morning was two feet (60 centimeters) above nor-

In the San Francisco Bay area, the Richmond-San Rafael bridge was closed to trucks after one big rig was overturned by the wind, and two of three ferry systems canceled service. Also in California, downtown skyscrapers creaked and

killed by falling trees in Redding and Redway.

rain blasted the West Coast on Power outages affected Tuesday, overturning trucks about 235,000 customers in northern California, said David Bich, a spokesman for Pacific Gas & Electric.

meanwhile. International Falls. Minnesota, record a record-low temperature for the date of mi- of Oregon caused mud slides nus 39 Fahrenheit (minus 39.5 centigrade) on Tuesday morning, and Buffalo, New York was digging out from snow measured in feet.

from hypothermia and weatherrelated accidents were reported cluding 15 in Iowa. Baton low Monday of 23 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 5 centi-

Along the West Coast, wind

In Oregon, gusts included 102 miles an hour at Cape Blanco. 95 miles an hour at Sixes River and 86 miles an hour at Oregon got more than three In the Midwest and East, inches (seven centimeters) of rain in six hours.

The heavy rains in the state that blocked at least one highway, and trees and power lines were down in some areas.

In Buffalo, road crews were clearing the streets of a record Nearly three dozen deaths 37.9 inches of snow that fell in

24 hours. Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, from Wisconsin to Georgia, in- had received more than 61 inches of snow since Friday night, Rouge, Louisiana had a record and an additional 8 inches was

On Lake Huron, two ships were stranded in the ice — up to a foot thick near one ship, the gusts to 95 miles an hour were Coast Guard said.

U.S. Army to Undertake Probe Of Troops' Role in Hate Groups

with hate groups across the United States and abroad. An internal task force headed by Lieutenant General Larry Jordan, the army's deputy in-

investigate troop involvement

spector-general, is to report its advocating violence. But there is findings and recommendations no prohibition on mere memby March 1. In announcing the investigation, the army secretary, Togo D. West Jr., said: "We will look

to see whether, in fact, this incident suggests membership in extremist organizations that is active participation in ways that undermine our basic values of fair play, of dignity, of treating all with respect.

WASHINGTON — The the announcement at a Pentagon J.S. Army, responding to the news conference, Defense Seckilling of a black couple by retary William J. Perry issued a white soldiers in North Carolistatement saving that "there is white soldiers in North Caroli-na, said Tuesday that it would no place for racial hatred or extremism in the U.S. military."

Army regulations explicitly prohibit soldiers from being actively involved in extremist groups, including those espousing white supremacist views or no prohibition on mere membership in such groups, so long as the soldier is not involved in public rallies, distribution of literature, raising funds, recruiting

members or attending meetings. Mr. West expressed sympathy for the families of the couple killed last week in Fayetteville, North Carolina, outside several elite units, including the groups.

As the army secretary made 82d Airborne Division and the 18th Airborne Corps.

The police say James Norman Burmeister 2d, 20, and Malcolm Wright, 21, both privates based at Fort Bragg, confronted a black couple, Michael James, 36, and Jackie Burden, 27, as they walked on a downtown street on Dec. 7 and shot both of them in the head. The two pri-

vates are charged with murder. All soldiers know from their army training that there is "no room for racial intolerance of any kind," Mr. West said.

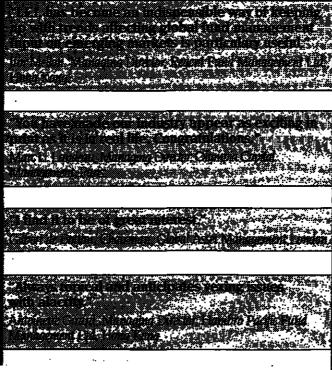
Less than 24 hours before his announcement, the army chief of staff, General Dennis Reimer, said that while Fort Bragg needed to be investigatarmy-wide probe of links to Fort Bragg, which is home to white supremacist or other hate

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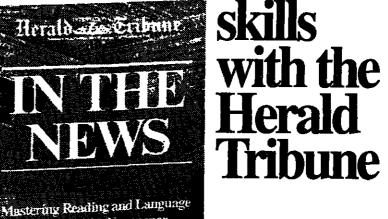
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paigner for democracy, goes on trial for his life this Wednesday in a proceeding that exposes the emptiness of Beijing's claim to be a society ruled by law. If the Clinton administration means to maintain any credibility as a defender of human rights in China, it must make a maximum effort to win Mr. Wei's freedom.

After 20 months of secretive administrative detention, Mr. Wei was formally arrested last month on the baseless charge of trying to overthrow China's Communist government. Then his trial was scheduled with less than a week's notice. As of 48 hours before the opening of courtroom proceedings, the attorney hired by Mr. Wei's family had not received written notice of the charges and had not been given an opportunity to meet with his client.

China's leaders want to make an example of Mr. Wei, who has already suffered more than 14 years' imprisonment for advocating political freedom. Their goal is to intimidate the intellectuals who began speaking out again on human rights issues earlier this year. If Beijing succeeds without paying a stiff inter-national price, freedom in China will experience a heavy and lasting defeat. The renewed persecution of Mr. Wei

Wei Jingsheng, China's leading cam-should stiffen the spine of the Clinton administration, which has been ceding ground on human rights in China ever since it unwisely severed the link between rights and Beijing's trade privileges in 1993. The administration has a special responsibility in Mr. Wei's case, since his latest detention began just after he met with Assistant Secretary of State John Shattuck in March 1994. If China considers a meeting between one of its citizens and an American diplomat an attempt to overthrow the government. nothing that could fairly be called "normal" relations between Beijing and Washington is possible.

Should this show trial proceed to its scripted conclusion, the appropriate response would be to renew Washington's drive for censure of China by the UN Human Rights Commission next March. The last such effort fell one vote short. Beijing has suggested that it might release prisoners and take other steps to avoid UN censure.

By raising its voice on the Wei Jing-sheng case, Washington can ease the plight of China's most prominent democrat and help forestall new pressures against others less well known but equally courageous.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Whitewater Secrets

Just when it seemed possible that the White House could not handle Whitewater any more clumsily, here come two new moves to undermine public confidence.

The disclosure that Vincent Foster removed three files from Hillary Clinton's law firm during the 1992 election campaign and turned them over to the Clintons' political fixer, Webster Hubbell, is truly a blow to those who want to believe that the Clintons have nothing to hide. The files related to Mrs. Clinton's work for Madison Guaranty, the savings and loan owned by the Clintons' Whitewater investment partner, James McDougal. The White House will no doubt argue that the files are innocuous. But that claim seems lighter than air compared with the fact that they were stored in the basement of a lawyer later convicted of a felony and that they disappeared from the Rose law firm in a year when the Clinton campaign team was perfecting its

stonewall defense on Whitewater. The other matter has to do with the dubious claim of lawyer-client privilege being advanced by President Bill Clinton about a 1993 meeting at which his senior lawyers and aides discussed Whitewater. Mr. Clinton seems headed for a messy legal showdown with the Senate Whitewater committee, but he is stretching attorney-client privilege beyond any reasonable limit and also revoking his promise of openness about this matter.

Surely no one wants to intrude on exchanges between the president and his personal lawyer. But this meeting included a top political aide, Bruce Lindsey, and a battery of attorneys on the public payroll, including White House Counsel Bernard Nussbaum and two of his assistants. The committee reasonably wants to know about government matters that may have been discussed, such as the handling of the investigation by the Treasury Department and the Resolution Trust Corporation into Madison Guaranty. A court will decide whether notes taken at the meeting and a White House memo about the session can be deemed personal legal papers. That will take an expansive interpretation in Mr. Clinton's behalf.

To be sure, Citizen Clinton is entitled to litigate all he wants and to claim whatever privacy the courts will give him. But President Clinton, the politician and national leader, cannot expect the public to be reassured by mysteriously mobile files and promises of openness that disappear behind the lawyer-client veil.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

What About the Poor?

If the current budget talks break down. the hang-up likely won't be money. The programs for the poor — Medicaid, food parties will split instead on the ancient stamps and the earned-income tax credit, question: To what extent should the fed- which stretches the wages of lower-ingovernment guarantee a minimum standard of living, or minimum level of benefits, to the poor? The crucial battleground in this will be Medicaid, by far the largest federal "welfare" program through which the federal and state governments together help pay the health care bills of lower-income children and the needy elderly and disabled -all told. about a seventh of the population.

The money issues won't be easy. But Congress deals with money issues all the time, and the differences between the parties are already starting to melt. The Congressional Budget Office has freshened the economic and programmatic assumptions on which its estimates of future deficits are based, and more than \$100 billion of the problem has disappeared. An agreement to adjust Social Security benefits and such features of the tax code as the personal exemption and standard deduction by less than the full inflation rate for a number of years could raise many billions more.

If the Republicans will then back off from their tax cuts a little while the Democrats ease their opposition to Medicare cuts, you are close to home. Except for the basic question: What should be the future federal role, particularly with regard to assisting the poor?

The Republicans basically think that the federal government should do less, and the president has already done a fair amount of retreating on the issue. The current welfare program embodies a fed-eral guarantee of aid to needy single parents and their children; he has indicated that he would sign a welfare bill dropping that. He has indicated a willingness to limit future housing aid by capping the appropriations on which it

That leaves three other major federal come workers with children. On these the president has said to Democrats and advocacy groups unhappy with his welfare and housing concessions that he will not give major ground but will hold the line. The Republicans, although they have proposed deep cuts and assorted structural changes in all three of these programs, have indicated that on food tamps and the tax credit they don't care that much they themselves are divided.

On the structure of Medicaid, though. they have said there will be no give, and there you are. They want to go to a system of block grants, cut projected federal spending sharply, cut what the states must put up to get their federal funds, and largely let the states decide how and on whom the money will be spent. This would pretty well eliminate the federal guarantee that the needy young and elderly could count on a certain level of care. The president rightly wants to preserve the guarantee. He would meanwhile cut projected costs by capping the annual increase per beneficiary - the

right way to do it. Much more is at stake in this than just a balanced federal budget and the balance of power between the federal government and the states. Medicaid is not just a major federal cost and major source of aid to state and local governments; it is the insurer of last resort in the health care system. Especially if even costlier Medicare is to be shaken up and cut, Medicaid needs to be preserved to protect the vulnerable. The alternative is even more people uninsured; the poor, the states and the hospitals and other institutions that serve the poor would all be stranded. This fight is not just about the federal budget and the federal role. It's about that.

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The Call for a Reckoning Echoes Again in Russia

NEW YORK — An explosive Russian issue that is central to the parliamentary elections next Sunday is the demonic question that has arisen since the 19th century whenever Russia has plunged into epic misfortune: "Kto vinovat?" -- who is guilty?

The passions it has generated have re-peatedly polarized political life, engulfed the country in frenzied searches for "enemies of the people" and helped perpetuate dictatorships. It may be arising again.

Many members of the political class and a growing number of voters now view what Boris Yeltsin and his Western supporters have called radical reform as a criminal revolution whose perpetrators must be removed from power and punished.

This call for a reckoning is a widespread response to President Yeltsin's abolition of the Soviet Union in 1991; his 1992 economic measures that have impoverished nearly half the nation while unleashing a bacchanalia of official corruption and enriching 5 to 8 percent of the population; his tank-backed dissolution approval ratings low, much depends on

By Stephen F. Cohen

of an elected Parliament in 1993, and his war against Chechnya.

Influential pro-democracy newspapers, once supporters, have called Yeltsin economic policies a crime against national security, charged that his executive branch is corrupt, and condemned the Chechen campaign as criminal.

Earlier this year. Obshchaya Gazeta, whose editor was once a Yeltsin ally, carried a two-page headline: "Boris Yeltsin Is Guilty — Before the Law, Before the People, Before History."

Not surprisingly, Mr. Yeltsin's government fears losing power. Having ruled primarily by decrees rather than parliamentary legislation, it is nakedly vul-nerable to reprisals. For more than a year, Yeltsin representatives have tried to cancel scheduled elections, particularly next

to liberal democratic to Communist, who are using the Dec. 17 elections as part of their struggle for the presidency.

All warn against repeating Russia's history of savage retribution, but none rule out a legal accounting for what has happened since 1991. And none believe that if the Kremlin's dwindling supporters do poorly on Dec. 17 it will let a presidential election take place, certainly not a fair one.

The decisive factor may be the billions of dollars of nationalized property that the government has handed over to a small segment of the former Soviet ruling class under the banner of privatization. Elites excluded from that largesse may settle for a second distribution benefiting them, although such an intramural deal is unlikely

to satisfy public opinion.

How "Who is guilty?" is answered will be fateful for Russia and the world. year's presidential contest.

With Mr. Yeltsin in poor health and his

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executives remain in power. Many Rus-

the leaders of the increasingly strong op-position parties, ranging from nationalist convinced that the United States will close its eyes to any pro-Yeltsin irregularities on Dec. 17 and even to a cancellation of the presidential election in June.

To do so would be a great mistake With virtually the entire Russian political spectrum offended by the plan to expand NATO eastward, even tacit American support for any attempt by the Yelisin regime to evade democratic judgment could only further poison relations.

The Clinton administration has endorsed almost everything Mr. Yeltsin has done, arguing that he represents stability. But what kind of stability exists if the changes have awakened the old demon and caused so many citizens to see them as criminal? The only hope is that this time Russia will decide who is guilty in a democratic way.

The writer is professor of politics and Russian studies at Princeton University. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

Europeans and Americans Plan to Be Doing a Lot More Together

WASHINGTON — The trans-Atlantic partnership has passed its greatest post-Cold War test by ending the Bosnian war. That success presents us with a new and perhaps even tougher challenge — securing the Bosnian peace. It is a challenge which the United States and Eu-

rope can only meet together. Together we have transformed adversaries into allies and dictatorships into democracies. We have built institutions that ensured our security and economic strength. We stood together and won the Cold War. The road from war to peace in Bosnia is the most dramatic evidence that the trans-Atlantic partnership remains essential, and the most visible evidence that America remains committed to Europe's security.

It is most important to remember that the impetus to renew and redefine the relationship between the United States and Europe arose from its success. The end of the Cold War reflected the triumph of trans-Atlantic ideals. Today Bosnia, until recently a tragic example of post-Cold War disBy Peter Tarnoff and Joan E. Spero

The writers are, respectively, U.S. undersecretary of state for political affairs and undersecretary for economic affairs.

for deeper pan-European and trans-Atlantic cooperation. Bosnia underscores a simple fact: Without a strong trans-Atlantic partnership, the prospect of a safer, richer, freer world will fade. A peaceful, prosperous and undivided Europe is within our grasp because of the singular success of

our trans-Atlantic partnership.
We must now reshape our partpership to make it more responsive to current times. That is why, in June, Secretary of State Warren Christopher proposed new initiatives to strengthen economic, political and human ties across the Atlantic. And that is why President Bill Clinton traveled to Madrid this month to launch, together with European Union lead-

ers, a New Transatlantic Agenda. The agenda commits the United States and Europe to work together to implement the peace and help war-ravaged Bosnia to recover economically and politicalintegration, is a potential crucible ly. But it also looks beyond

Bosnia, establishing a common

agenda for the 21st century. In 1990, as the Cold War was ending, the United States and the then European Community agreed on an extensive series of consultations. Now, with a new world to shape, the United States and the European Union are committed to move beyond consultations to joint action in four major areas:

 Together we will promote peace, development and democracy around the world. In addition to our efforts in Bosnia, we will cooperate to consolidate democracy and market economies in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. To use scarce resources more efficiently, we will establish a high-level consultative group to coordinate our global development and humanitarian assistance efforts. We will cooperate to combat nuclear proliferation, most immediately by joint support for the Korean Energy Development Organization.

• Together we will meet new global challenges. Our top priority is to combat organized crime, drug trafficking and terrorism through increased exchanges of information and expertise between European and U.S. law enforcement agencies trans-Atlantic bridges between and training of law enforcement officials in the new Central and

East European democracies. We will coordinate our positions on major environmental issues, disseminate environmental technologies, and reduce public health risks from hazardous substances. And, we will develop a global early warning and response system for new and re-emerging communicable diseases such as AIDS and the Ebola virus.

• Together we will build a trans-Atlantic marketplace by reducing or eliminating barriers to our bilateral trade and investment. Trans-Atlantic economic relations, already the world's largest and freest, can set a standard for liberalization and regulatory harmonization that invigorate the world economy. We will negotiate agreements on mutual recognition of product testing and certification

and greater customs cooperation. Longer term, we seek to create a trans-Atlantic information society that allows our people to take full advantage of new information technology and services.

our citizens. The agenda is also about people. By furthering exchange among our business com-minities, legislators, educators and students and by using new channels of communication, such as the Internet, we aim to nurture in present and future generations the mutual understanding and shared purpose that have long characterized our relationship.

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The New Trans-Atlantic Agenda is a comprehensive road map for joint action and cooperation. The Madrid summit was only a first step in the process; a new trans-Atlantic consensus can only emerge incrementally as we pursue common goals. By working together and with other Atlantic democracies on this ambitious agenda, we can forestall future Bosnias and strengthen the basis of our own security and prosperity.

Ardent Europe-Builders Aren't Making Their Case to the People

HELSINKI — The annual meeting of the leaders of the European Union, Friday and Saturday in Madrid, shapes up as one more round in the never-ending match between what are often called federalists and nationalists - more aptly described as believers and agnostics.

The believers are convinced that the process of integration must be carried forward, because to pause now would entail the risk of Europe sliding back into national rivalries and conflicts. In practical terms this means that they insist on economic and monetary union with a single currency, without delay, before the entry of new members from Central and Eastern Europe adds to the diversity of national interests and dilutes the sense of unity.

The agnostics believe that integration has gone far enough as it is and should be deepened only if inant power at the center of the nationalism. The condition is,

TOKYO — The top-ranked academic sent by Beijing to a conference of intellectuals

from around the world asked for

the floor to explain his govern-

ment's policy on human rights.

Shuqing Wu, president of Bei-

jing University, spoke for only

five or six minutes, but with

By the time he finished it was

utterly plain that the Chinese

Communist government was flat-out determined not to allow

the Chinese people to take part

in the historic movement that is

spreading in Asia: the simul-

taneous development of pros-

This was what he had to say:

In colonial wars and imposed

peace, the West brutalized Chi-

na. In Shanghai. Europeans post-

ed a sign at the gate to a park.

"No dogs or Chinese." China

had been prevented from devel-

oping economically. Now the

task was economic development.

Without that, there was no use

speaking about developing what

"The Future of Hope," spon-sored by the Elie Wiesel Foun-

dation for Humanity and by the Japanese daily Asahi Shimbun.

all had come to understand that

this man only spoke officially.

Outside the conference build-

ing, in the reality of Asia, was

the proof that the Chinese rigid-

ity toward human rights did not

come from the injustices of the

past but from fear of the future.

No city in China, none in the

world, was destroyed as was Hi-

roshima. Few countries were as

He never winged a word.

Early in the conference on

the West called human rights.

perity and political freedoms.

careful clarity.

By Max Jakobson and when practical necessity so continent, with wide-ranging in-demands, it follows that they con-terests throughout the region forsider economic and monetary union and enlargement incompatible goals, because adoption of a single currency by the present terweight to German influence, qualitative distance between those France and Britain in matters of inside and the queue of candidates

waiting to be let in. Let unity grow

organically, they say, rather than force it by institutional means. At the heart of the debate is, as always, the issue of power -more precisely, German power. The full impact of the unification of Germany is still to come, but the decision to move the capital to Berlin underlines the inevitable shift in the European balance. No longer a West European state resting safely in the embrace of its allies, Germany now is the dom-

Why Beijing Fears Its Democrats

By A. M. Rosenthal

devastated as Japan. But Hiroshi-

ma, Nagasaki --- every Japanese

city bombed out in World War II

is glistening with modern build-

ings, commerce and technology.

They make a New Yorker feel

like a country boy.

They were rebuilt within po-

litical democracy. No forced prison labor, no gulag, no tor-

ture cell was part of the rebuild-

ing of Japan — as all have been

for the half-century that the

Communist Chinese have been

nomic development are siblings

in more and more countries in

Asia. Ten years ago I traveled in

countries that had been stagnat-

ing under despotism for de-

cades, among them South Korea

In 1961 I was in Seoul, watch-

ing the military overthrow of the

country's first democratically

elected government. America

looked on passively. Now South

Korea is politically free and eco-

nomically burgeoning and is ar-

resting past presidents on charges

In the Philippines, a demo-

cratic candidate supported by

the United States ended the

reign of Ferdinand Marcos, hus-

band of the lady with the shoes.

In Tokyo now, I read in The

Wall Street Journal that Philip-

pine workers are turning out the best cars made by Honda in Asia

outside Japan, and the work-

force of the country has shaken

On Taiwan, the long dicta-

off its "mañana" reputation.

of corruption and massacre.

and the Philippines.

Political democracy and eco-

mally under Moscow's control.

The traditional response to this change would be to create a counmember states would increase the and closer cooperation between defense is indeed developing. But such a return to the bad old days of balance of power politics is rejected by those who believe that the right answer is to deepen integration. Monetary union with a single currency is designed to tie Germany irreversibly into the Western community of nations.

That view is shared by the present German leadership under Chancellor Helmut Kohl. Time is getting short, they warn their al-lies. Tie us down now, or you may face the specter of Deutsche mark

torship of the Chinese Nation-

alists is over. The campaign ear-

lier this month for a new

legislature was free and bois-

terous, which infuriated China.

So is the economy. The cement

mixer should be Taiwan's of-

India chose both national and

political freedom on Aug. 15, 1947, the day of its birth. Unlike

the Chinese, India does not im-

pose abortion or vasectomies to

deal with its biggest problem, population growth that eats up

economic progress. Still, its

economy grows and India's

computer specialists are among

Asians are proving — if it

ever needed proof except in the

condescending West — that they can handle economic and

political growth at the same

Beijing's emissary letting 10

Nobel Prize winners and other

scientists, writers and politi-

cians know that while the Chi-

nese are clever and able enough

to leap into the high-tech age.

the Politburo feels that dealing

with a little freedom at the same

The Chinese Communists

time would be beyond them.

know better. Like all dictator-

ships, they live in fear that their

people will demand political and

economic freedom - together.

When the Politburo members

look out the window at Asia, it is

not the past and foreigners but the

future and their own people that

chill the souls of the Politburo

and the careful messenger they

sent to Hiroshima.

But in Hiroshima there was

the world's finest.

time, thank you.

ficial flower.

however, that the other EU members adopt the German economic model of balanced budgets and low inflation. To the skeptics. Ske

it remains a fact of life anyway. and agnostics may be papered sent system, and mobilize active over in Madrid, as it has been so many times before. A more acute threat to a deepening of integration is the growing gap between opinion upstairs and downstairs. Nowhere within the Union are people marching in the streets de-

manding that Poland be let in, or that a single currency be issued. People worry about the lack of iobs, high taxes, crime and drugs, and immigration. They demonstrate against cuts in welfare benefits, disregarding the fact that these are now being paid for with money borrowed from our children and grandchildren.

The EU agenda is by no means irrelevant to these concerns; its goal is a more stable, competitive and prosperous Europe where economic and social problems can be better managed. But govemments have so far failed to make this connection and thus engage public support for their ambitious projects. Have our political leaders for-

gotten their Machiavelli? He warned the Prince that "there is nothing more difficult to plan or more uncertain of success or more dangerous to carry out than an attempt to introduce new institutions, because the introducer has as enemies all those who profit from the old institutions.' And the reformer has only lukewarm defenders, for "men

do not actually believe in new things unless they see them yielding solid proof." Byents in France Gemonstrate

the British, this looks like Hob- that Machiavelli's analysis of the son's choice. Either German hazards of institution-building redominance is institutionalized, or mains valid. Only strong leadership can overcome the resistance The schism between believers of those who profit from the presupport for a policy of change

A U.S. Imperial System

NEITHER the Romans nor the British planned to make them selves empires. No more did America. There came a time when it awoke to the fact that it had done so by absentminded inadvertence.

The three imperial systems are

as different as the epochs in which they flourished. Ours is, as befits our times, democratic and egalitarian: it is not infrequently marked by humane conduct and elevated intent, as the Bosnia endeavor exemplifies

We derive much from it, but it is costly in lives and money. Indeed, the American imperial system whose costs extend beyond the direct procurement of weapons to trade and monetary policy seems to be slowly reducing us to beggary, as Britain was finally

pauperized by its empire. Whether America should carry on with it is a debate best left for another moment, not when the troops are ramping up into the mouths of the transports about to fly them to who knows what adventures in the mountain-girded lands of the southern Slavs.

— Nicholas von Hoffman,

writing in The Washington Post.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Crisis in Spain

MADRID — The great popular demonstration of Monday [Dec. 9] has brought about a Ministerial crisis. The indignation has been directed chiefly against Senor Romero Robledo, Minister of Justice, and Senor Bosch, Minister of Public Works. In order to facilitate the solution of the crisis, the entire Ministry has decided to resign. It is believed that the Queen Regent will charge Senor Canovas del Castillo to form a new Ministry, whose first official act would be to dissolve the Cortes.

1920: Bell Makes a Call

LONDON — A wireless telephone conversation was carried Alexander Graham Beil congrat-ulated Lord Riddell and Mr. Marconi. The conversation took place from ordinary desk telephones in the Strand to the conference hall

in Geneva where the assembled correspondents heard the messages on individual receivers. The 617-mile talk was the first between Switzerland and London. The voices were very clear.

1945: Considerate Strike PARIS — Civil service employ-

ees conducted one of the politest strikes in history yesterday [Dec. 12] when more than 2 million workers participated in a token 2 hour walkout. Subways in Paris were briefly halted and thousands of office workers ceased work to protest the government's refusal to grant a wage increase. The strikers did not inconvenience people more than necessary. Electricity on between London and Geneva usual Courteous notices were put was not shut off any more than this morning [Dec. 12], when Dr. up at subway stations advising that service would be interrupted. Inconvenienced passengers were advised that if they came back in an hour they could resume their ride without paying another fare.

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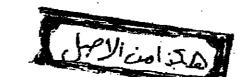
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Bald-Faced Lies and Baghdad's Dreams of Grandeur

WASHINGTON — Five years after the shooting war in the Gulf, a deadly serious cold war continues. It is a battle of systematic deception waged by Iraq against a tenacious United Nations Special Commission assigned to uncover Baghdad's secret work on biological, chemical and nuclear weapons and the missiles to deliver them.

Thanks to international cooperation and experts willing to operate under considerable personal risk, the commission is slowly winning. But the contest is a long way from over. The more investigators learn, the bigger the task becomes. Iraq's weapons of mass destruction program started earlier, covered more technologies, involved thousands more people and in some areas achieved far more than anyone outside the country, including U.S. intelligence, imagined.

The commission's big break came in August with the defection of Saddam Hussein's son-in-law, the man who had directed the unconventional weapons programs. Pan-icked by what Lieutenant General Hussein Kamel Hassan might reveal, Baghdad decided to blame its years of lies on him. Project directors were dragged in in the middle of the night to tell all to the UN team. Inspectors were then led to a cache of hardware and tens of thousands of documents and computer discs "discovered" in a chicken house on the general's farm.

The material unveiled a sweeping biological weapons program involving bacteria, viruses and fungal toxins that kill, incapacBy Jessica Mathews

itate or cause cancer, and economic weapons to kill crops and livestock. It showed that after the invasion of Kuwait, bombs and missiles that could reach Tel Aviv or Riyadh were loaded with anthrax, botulinum toxin and cancer-causing affatoxin.

It is not yet known under exactly what conditions these might have been used. so-called "full, final and complete disclo-However, one document outlining a firststrike plan (a crazy idea because biological agents kill too slowly to make a first-strike weapon) suggests that anything could have been possible.

Iraq also produced chemical agents, including advanced binary designs, ready to use in artillery shells, rockets, bombs and missiles. Tons of same, the same nerve gas the Ann cult used in Tokyo's subway, and an agent 10 times stronger known as VX, were imported and perhaps produced domestically. Stocks of will resume and will have to be resisted. VX and undeclared chemical munitions may still be hidden in Iraq.

Information obtained as recently as

September reveals an even more ambitious missile program that continues to this day. Iraq is able to produce advanced rocket engines of its own without having to canmbalize the Soviet Scuds. That fact, combined with the chemical and biological revelations, means that there is no longer an accurate count of missiles in the country. Baghdad has flight-tested new missiles and

is working on prohibited long-range designs, including one that could reach targets throughout Europe and one tailored for nuclear warheads.

Through four years, Iraq has yielded ground to the truth inch by inch, coming clean only when the commission gets evidence of banned activities from its own sources. Apparently impervious to embarrassment, it has submitted one after another sure" to the UN Security Council, each of which is quickly shown to be a fabric of omissions, half-truths and lies.

As the commission gets closer to uncovering what Iraq most wants to keep hidden, international resolve may be severely tested. A diplomatic crisis or violence against the investigators is not unlikely. For now, the pressure to lift UN sanctions from France, Russia, China and others greedy for Iraq's oil business has been set aside, but it So must be the opposition to sanctions

because of severe mainurition among Iraqi children. Their suffering was chosen by Baghdad when it rejected the UN offer of oil revenues for food and medicine. The children who could someday find themselves on the receiving end of an Iraqi biological or nuclear weapon are also part of this equation.

Another threat comes from congressional pressure to make public the names of companies in several dozen countries whose exports made Iraq's program possible. Doing

so would instantly shut off the flow of the commission's most important leads.

Iraq's determination to keep its weapons of mass destruction programs going under the noses of inspection teams and in defiance of international sanctions is costing it billions of dollars in lost oil exports. Clearly, whatever Baghdad's original dream was regional hegemony or great power status it is still alive.

When the sanctions are eventually lifted, it will take an enormous international effort pursued without flagging for years if not decades - to keep the programs from springing back to life.

The global security risk from the proliferation of missiles and weapons of mass destruction is palpably rising. The Aum cult's activities, which involved biological as well as chemical agents, and the recent incident in which radioactive cesium was buried by Chechen agents in a Moscow park, make it plain that this is not just a Middle Eastern concern.

The causes are in part the inevitable spread of technology and in part the availability of materials and expertise in the former Soviet Union. Ironically, the risk may have been raised by the evidence of overwhelming American superiority in conventional weapons during the Gulf War.

Iraq is both a test - which so far the UN and the international community have passed with flying colors - and a warning. The Washington Post.

Hollywood's Gravy Train: Films That Fuel Violence

By Alan F. Kiepper

torching of a Brooklyn subway to- in the 1980s. We did not let Columbia ken booth that took the life of the film the firebombings in the subway clerk, we cannot say if it was a and urged it to drop them. When the copycat crime based on "Money studio said no, we asked it to show our Train," the Columbia Pictures film. fire-suppression system, which stops But it does look that way: same

opened in New York. The answer almost does not matter, because this crime, followed by

seven similar attacks on token

crime, four days after the movie

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booths, brings the issue of life imitating movie mayhem vividly into focus. The death of the clerk, Harry P. Kaufman, on Sunday and the other episodes are so disturbing that Hollywood cannot avoid accountability. It must acknowledge that films like "Money Train" can have dangerous implications.

The movie, about an attempt to rob the train that collects the day's revenues, has two scenes in which a pyromaniac squirts flammable liquid into booths and ignites it, though the clerks escape serious injury.

After reviewing the script, the Transit Authority warned Columbia

NEW YORK — Because there that we feared a repeat of arson attacks on token booths that took place booth fires instantly. Again, no. (Mr. Kaufman's system had been

> descrivated.) Despite our objections to the story line, we worked with Columbia - as New York agencies routinely do with filmmakers — and it made many of

the script adjustments we requested. Once the studio decided to build a subway set in Hollywood, it could film anything it wanted. And that is the problem — the "artistic" license that Hollywood defends, apparently indifferent to moral and social concerns.

"Money Train" and other violent movies are aimed at young people. with tragic consequences. Such results are documented in a new book. "Raising Children in a Socially Toxic Environment," by James Garbarino, a Cornell specialist in child development.

He visited a school in Chicago for emotionally disturbed youths and found them "absorbed with the imagery of violence from movies and television and video games." He also wrote: "It is one of the truisms among those who work with troubled kids in America that they are hooked on the violent culture.

Like parents, the film industry cannot avoid dealing with issues of right and wrong. Once it abdicates this responsibility and yields to debased entertainment values, the public cannot seek script changes or strike back, except through boycotting movies. When the studios are attacked for social irresponsibility, they cry "censorship!"

Nonsense. All society wants is self-restraint.

The writer, head of New York's Metropolitan Transit Authority, contributed this comment to The New York Times.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

France and NATO

In 1966, President de Gaulle withdrew France from the NATO command structure and, more importantly, asked President Lyndon Johnson to remove all U.S. forces and logistic installations from France.

At that time, the U.S. State Department had assigned me to the Pentagon as a political adviser to the Joint Staff. After reading de Gaulle's letter to President Johnson. General Earle G. Wheeler, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, commented to a small group of us, "De Ganlle has just destroyed NATO."

As work went forward on the planning, which took the loss of the vital installations in France into account. I saw that what he meant was that there would be scant possibility for the effective defense of Western Europe east of the Rhine.

With the Soviet threat gone, France has decided to participate again in NATO military councils. little or snuff out the stuff. You're this move could encourage some immediately accosted with cries of

ironic observations. Nevertheless, with Bosnia looming large, it is probably better to have our difficult French allies inside the tent than outside.

JOHN C. AUSLAND.

Choking on Smoke

Regarding the full-page Philip Morris advertisement (Nov. 13): I beg to differ with the advertisement's assertion that with courtesy and consideration, smokers and nonsmokers can and do work out infringements of personal liberty for themselves.

I can testify that smokers in Belgium are the most inconsiderate people I have ever come across. A typical scenario is like this: You're standing in a bus shelter waiting to catch a bos. A smoker arrives, settles behind you and immediately lights up. You gather enough courage to plead that he or she either back off a little or snuff out the stuff. You're Liberté, Liberté! Sure, everybody should have the liberty to enjoy their pastime, but are nonsmokers not entitled to some God-given fresh air? Isn't that our liberty?

This is not a thesis on the health effects of smoking. I believe the number of sticks or packs that people choose to smoke is entirely a matter for themselves and the financial officers of tobacco companies. But if smokers continue to exhibit their insensitive behavior and often arrogant attitudes toward nonsmokers, then very soon new regulations will take away the benefits they have. DANIEL F. OFORL

Regarding "Tobacco Firms Set Sights on EU Regulators" (Nov.

I am surprised that European governments have not taken a stronger stand against these American tobacco giants. They may gain a lot in revenue taxes on cigarettes, but they will pay even more in health costs in

European smokers have turned public interior spaces all over the Continent into very unpleasant places for the majority who do not smoke. TOM GLEASON.

Catania, Italy.

SNCF Debt

As a senior executive of the French railroad system, I read with great interest your comments on the SNCF ("France's Fast Trains Run in the Red," Finance, Nov. 25).

It is true that a lot of things should be changed in the French national railroad company and in the way this government-owned corporation is managed. However, I would like to point out certain facts and figures that the article does not seem to take into account.

Comparing the SNCF's debt to the annual French government deficit is somewhat misleading. The main reason for the SNCF's debt is the vast new equipment program it has implemented, including the

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the last five years, the SNCF, with the approval of the French government, has spent well over 120 billion francs on these programs, without any public subsidy.

Simply quoting a figure of 50 billion francs for subsidies without fair picture of this issue. This amount includes subsidies

for Paris suburban rail traffic, subsidies for regional rail traffic, the allowance for maintenance of infrastructure (how it compares to public money allocated to road or airport infrastructures would be very instructive) and compensation for government-imposed fare discounts, such as those for large families or military people. It also includes the subsidy of

18 billion francs for employee pensions, which needs further explanation.

The retirement system for railroad workers is the oldest in the country, dating to 1909. Since there was no general retirement system at the long run. And apart from cost, building of a high-speed network. In the time, the private railroad com-

ministrating the railroad pension fund. This task has been passed on to the SNCF, which is now responsible for paying the pensions of 350,000 retired railroad workers. The pension fund is funded by the conadequate explanation does not give a tribution of the 180,000 employees actually working. The SNCF contribution is the same as it would be if it were a private employer. In addition, the SNCF contributes

panies took the responsibility of ad-

to the so-called special retirement benefits of the railroad workers. The subsidy from the government makes up for the difference. Had this mechanism not been in place, the deficit would have been borne by the general social security system. Moreover, if there are almost two

retired persons for each working SNCF employee, one must remember that French railroads have cut their staff from 500,000 people in 1945 to 180,000 today due to increased productivity and technological progress. DOMINIOUE SORET.

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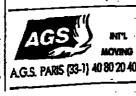
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Rivalries Divide French Unionists

As Worker Totals Drop, They Struggle for Power

By Barry James

are being led by three large laselves as they struggle to keep their share of a dwindling number of organized workers.

The International Labor Organization in Geneva estimates that in 1993 only 10 percent of French workers belonged to unions, compared with 18 percent in 1980. The unions are most heavily represented among the striking public workers, which explains why the stoppages have not spread

Their historic rivalry means that the unions have been intransigent, fearing that any concession would be interpreted as a sign of weakness.

Only Nicole Notat, the leader of the French Democratic La-bor Confederation, or CFDT, has supported Prime Minister

overnaul the health system.

Although her position has cost her some support, she says some of the key ideas proposed by Mr. Juppé originated with her organization. She appears to believe that by heing contained the seen its membership decline since 1977 by two-thirds to about 640,000, of whom only about 480,000 are active workers.

Since the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collarse of containing the seen its membership decline since 1977 by two-thirds to about 640,000, of whom only about 480,000 are active workers. to believe that by being con-structive, she can turn the CFDT into a German-style union capable of negotiating on equal terms with government

In taking this stand, she is moving onto the ground held until now by Workers' Force, or imposing preconditions.

FO, which broke away from the Mr. Viannet, a former postal FO, which broke away from the Communist-led General Con-federation of Labor (CGT) in CGT's triennial conference last 1947, and was nurtured with CIA funds as an anti-Communist force in the Cold War.

The FO has been a privileged government partner and for the past 28 years has had the responsibility of running the main Tuesday's mass demonstra-health fund, an important tions against the welfare source of jobs and influence. changes. Mr. Juppé's proposal to make Parliament responsible for the fund has infuriated the FO's boss, Marc Blondel, who alleges that the state is trying to take over the welfare system.

Mr. Blondel, a chubby, cigar-chomping, lifelong union worker who talks of himself in the third person as "Blondel"

fective in protecting workers' rights than the CGT.

But critics say Mr. Blondel against the government along-side their old enemies. Mr. Blondel has shifted his

with the prime minister.

The labor conflict has pro-vided the CGT with an oppor-

the Communist Party — has looked marginal and isolated. Now, Mr. Viannet appears to be poaching on the middle ground occupied by Mr. Blondel's legions by offering to negotiate with the government without

week with his personal authority enhanced.

reaching too far by calling for a general strike. However, the CGT was the main instigator of changes.

Cold War, with manipulated asostracism of the undecided and demands for capitulation rather

or "the secretary-general," has has dragged on for nearly three ment that fascinates and wornes ovary back, however, because it been a driving force behind the weeks without forcing major observers is the removal and can take years before a woman strikes. In a historical reversion concessions from the govern- storage of an ovary of a healthy is demonstrably free of cancer to the 1940s, when the Social-ment and without attracting seists were more radical than the rious practical support from her at menopause. Such a use returned to her. Communists, he apparently nonpublic workers raises queswants to show that his confed- tions about the future of the eration is more militant and ef- union movement in France.

FRANCE: Huge Protest Marches

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move the site of an international conference on Bosnia planned Wednesday and Thursday out hensive state health system, of Paris to a 13th-century monastery at Royaumont, be-

yond the airport at Roissy.

The official signing of the agreement negotiated in Dayton, Ohio, is still scheduled at the Elysée Palace in Paris. In his efforts to reach a com-

promise, Mr. Juppé has committed himself only to sparing pushing retirement age in the the rail workers by shelving an overhaul of the state rail an-

advantages enjoyed by the

PARIS — The French strikes has lost face during the dispute and could face difficulties when bor confederations that are at he comes up for re-election in war not only against the gov- February. First he had to appeal ernment but also among them- to the CGT for support when it became apparent that FO on its own could not summon the necessary support for a day of mass action. Then he exchanged a historic handshake with the CGT secretary-general, Louis Viannet, in the first such symbol of amity since the 1947 scission. This has worried some of the more moderate elements in the FO, who are aghast at the prospect of a protracted war

> position from a demand that Mr. Juppé drop his proposed changes entirely to a demand for comprehensive negotiations

tunity to halt a spiral that has

He has prudently avoided Tuesday's mass demonstra-

Some critics say that the unions have kept the labor conflict alive with methods that seemed like a throwback to the semblies, threats to opponents, than negotiation.

But the fact that the conflict

also endorsed the idea, in the future, of using ovary transplants But Mr. Juppé has insisted that he will retain the bulk of his other proposed reforms, includto forestall menopause. But, she the institute's plans to freeze said, she is worried about elderly women becoming pregnant. ing an overhaul of the compre-Army Langer, director of the National Alliance of Breast Cancer which has an annual deficit Organizations, said she was conequal to \$12 billion. cerned that the treatment would The government is also planbe offered to cancer patients in a fine." ning to impose a 10 percent setting where the only outcome surtax on corporate profits and of interest would be fertility. She to raise social security taxes to also worried, she said, that the 2.9 percent of taxable income. hormones secreted by a trans-

planted ovary might fuel the reup from 2.4 percent now. Mr. Juppé's plan also aims at growth of cancer. The new technique originated in England. Roger Gosden of the University of Leeds develpublic sector to 65 years instead oped the treatment, first show-The goal is to use the money ing that it could succeed in

That would preserve special to overcome a huge deficit, thus qualifying France to join the workers and abandon a plan to European Union's single cur-force them to work two and a rency plan in 1999. Member work, in April 1994, he had alhalf years longer, for a total of states must bring government ready frozen and stored a wom-40 years, before they can collect spending under a ceiling to join an's ovary to reimplant after her the currency plan.



A striking French railway worker holding a smoke torch during a protest parade in Caen. Similar protests were staged throughout the country.

CHINA: Dissident's New Trial Raises Fears of a Resurgence of Hard-Line Leadership

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States on Monday to lobby lawmakers on her brother's behalf. The groups say that President Bill Clinton, by soft-pedaling human-rights issues in his October meeting with President Jiang Zemin and by severing the link between human rights and trade, might have led the Chinese government to think it could sentence Mr. Wei without severe repercussions.

A spokesman for the Chinese court said Monday that Mr. Wei's trial would be open, an unusual step in political cases. The court said, however, that foreign lawyers would not be to deliver China from the po-

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dine Healy, dean of the College

of Medicine at Ohio State Uni-

versity and a former head of the

One possible use of the treat-

National Institutes of Health.

might allow women to remain

fertile their entire lives.

MEDICINE: Ovary Technique

woman in order to replace it in and ready to have her

Dr. Healy said that the treat-ment "sounds exciting" for women with cancer and that she former president of the Society

Sishi, who defended the dissidents Wang Juntao and Chen Ziming when they were tried for participating in the 1989 democracy demonstrations.
They were each sentenced to 13 years in prison. Mr. Wei was the most daring and influential of the so-called

Democracy Wall activists who in late 1978 printed magazines and pasted democracy mani-festoes on a wall west of the former Forbidden City, now part of the leadership's compound.

At that time, Mr. Deng had returned to power and promised

He has removed and frozen

the ovaries of three more pa-

tients, including one from a 3-year-old girl with Wilms tumor,

a childhood kidney cancer, who

was due to have chemotherapy.

No one has yet put a frozen

Alan de Cherney, chairman

of the department of obstetrics

for Assisted Reproduction, was

taken aback when he heard of

but since women with cancer

have no other options for pre-serving their fertility, then

"theoretically, it sounds

Reproductive technology, he

Dr. Gosden in England is

waiting to see if his treatment

works in the women whose

ovaries he has frozen before

And he also has not yet ac-

cepted women with breast can-

cer because he fears that restor-

ing ovarian functions in these

women might set off a recur-

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rence of their cancer.

added, is being driven by the

marketplace, and researchers are quick to jump on advances that could benefit large num-

bers of women.

doing any more.

"It's a bold step," he said,

ovaries of cancer patients.

allowed to participate. Mr. litical upheaval of the Cultural anti-democratic autocracies.' Wei's family has hired Zhang Revolution and to undertake Mr. Wei was convicted four modernizations: in agriculture, industry, science and technology, and defense.

While many Chinese welcomed Mr. Deng's return after a turbulent decade, Mr. Wei and

other activists were critical. He said Mr. Deng's program would fail without a "fifth modernization" - democracy. Unlike political reformers within the Communist Party,

Mr. Wei and his associates at Exploration magazine in 1978 totally rejected Marxismcountries were "without exception undemocratic and even

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sevic on Sunday sent the Yu-

goslav president, Zoran Lilic, to

Pale, the Bosnian Serbian cap-

ital, to tell the leadership there

they had to divulge the where-

abouts of the pilots and whether

trolled the purse strings of the

with there would be severe fi-

The message was particular-

Bosnian Serbian Army is shat-

nancial consequences.

He apparently carried a blunt

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issue of the pilots was dealt grade official.

ly dire, since the morale of the effort to negotiate his way out

tered by military defeat and re- by the International War

Bosnia's Muslims Must Be Armed,

WASHINGTON - Senate leaders warned President Bill

Clinton on Tuesday that they did not intend to vote on supporting his deployment of troops to Bosnia until he gave

them a stronger assurance that Bosnian Muslims would be armed and trained to defend themselves.

publicans, and John McCain, Republican of Arizona, said it was "essential to clarify these matters" before "moving

The senators, who are drafting a resolution to give reluctant and conditional approval of Mr. Clinton's troop deployment to

Bosnia, said arming and training Bosnian Muslims was crucial to assure the departure of U.S. and UN troops.

Bob Dole of Kansas, leader of the Senate's majority Re-

Senate Republicans Tell Clinton

they were alive.

Mr. Wei was convicted of "counterrevolutionary" activ-ities and leaking secret infor-mation about China's war with resentenced Mr. Wei as a barities and leaking secret much mation about China's war with vietnam to a reporter. He was gaining chip to persuade other Several members of the particular of New York, supported by the second of the sentenced to 15 years in jail and was paroled six months early, in September 1993. Unrepentant, he urged the international com-

munity to deny the 2000 Olympic Games to Beijing. He was arrested again on April 1, 1994, after meeting the S. assistant secretary of state for human rights, John Shattuck, and was held until last month, Leninism. He said Marxist when the government announced charges against him.

Analysts point out several

agreement to reduce forces.

From General Mladic's point

of view, giving up the two pilots may have spelled the end of an

of his indictment for war crimes

where they were.

why Mr. Wei is being put on trial now. Some suggest China at the UN. That concern could also help explain the Chinese government's effort to make the trial look more legitimate.

Others say China could be preparing to expel Mr. Wei and needs to show toughness by first handing him a long prison term, just as it did with the

Chinese-born American Harry Wu, who was detained on espionage charges this summer.

PILOTS: Bosnian Serbs Release 2 Frenchmen quirements under the peace Crimes Tribunal at The

> Just before the pilots were driven up to the motel at crazed to think that keeping the Zvornik shortly after midday, General Mladic appeared to be in a jovial mood, only glow-ering when the pilots had not

arrived on time and demanding to know over the telephone the Hague tribunal on Monday "This is what General that the indictments of Mr. Bosnian Serbian Army - in- Mladic is best at to be in con-Mladic and Radovan Karadzic cluding the paychecks of the trol of a situation, to be master the Bosnian Serbian leader, be officers - and that unless the of ceremonies," said a Bel-

Mr. Karadzic had also tried to play the pilots as a bargaining chip. He suggested last week that if France would engineer a change to the peace agreement and allow a part of Saravejo to be kept by the Bosnian Serbs he

would hand over the pilots.

Hopes for the safety of the pilots went up and down. They were known to have survived the downing of their jet and there were at least two failed helicopter rescue missions by NATO in the first week of

September. But hopes faded in mid-October when Mr. Karadzic, the president of the self-styled Bosnian Serbian Republic, announced they had been kid-napped from a hospital near Pale where they were being treated.

itary officials in Sarajevo told reporters last month that they believed the pilots were dead. On Friday, a rumor circulated around Beigrade that Mr. Milosevic's security service had told him the two men had been killed on orders by the Bosnian Serb security forces.

pilots would help him with The Hague but that seems to be the way he was thinking." one official said.

Senior United Nations mil-

Acknowledging that an in-ternational oil embargo would be difficult to organize, Mr. Moose said, "While we believe

multilateral measurés would be more effective than unilateral ones, we are not averse to acting unilaterally if the situation de-An international embargo would be in line with a cam-

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An Oil Embargo

WASHINGTON - Assis-

tant Secretary of State George

Moose said Tuesday that the United States was considering a

multilateral oil embargo on Nigeria as part of push for a

transition to civilian rule there.

erything is on the table, includ-

ing a possible multilateral oil embargo," Mr. Moose told a House panel on human rights and Africa.

Mr. Moose said the Novem

ber executions of the playwright Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other

human-rights campaigners had "profound implications for

policies aimed at excouraging a rapid return to elected civilian rule in Nigeria."

"Nothing is ruled out, ev-

paign by President Nelson was has arged that such sanctions beimposed on Nigeria's crude oil exports, which account for 80 percent of government rev-

port an emisago against Nigeria, which Mr. Houghton called "a Class A country that is acting in a Class D minus way."

He said various diplomatic

and administrative measures taken against the Lagos government since the Nov. 10 execunions had not brought results.

Mr. Moose defended the

Clinton administration's stance on Nigeria, saying it had an-nounced punitive measures on the day of the hangings, includ-ing visa restrictions, a ban on arms sales, an end to aid to the Nigerian government and a suspension of consideration of

loan applications.
Legislation that would impose sanctions on Nigeria, not including an oil embargo, was introduced in the House on

The measure would add to That view appears to be but- White House sanctions by lim-Nigerians out of the United States, barring new investment and freezing the assets of any Nigerian who impedes the

course toward democracy. Also, a sports boycott is being considered, including keeping Nigeria out of the 1996

Olympic Games in Atlanta. The British-Dutch Royal Dutch/Shell Group has come under sharp criticism for its operations in Nigeria, where it is by far the largest oil company.

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Railroad Crash In German Alps The Associated Press

GARMISCH-PARTEN-KIRCHEN, Germany — An express train crashed into a special rail sightseeing coach packed with tourists in this Alpine resort Tuesday, killing one person and injuring 57, officials said.

One of the injured was in critical condition. The dead man was a 58-year-old Mimich resident, the police said.

Most of the victims came

from a vintage "glass train," which has large windows for better viewing, a railroad spokesman said.

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RIPKEN: Cal on Cal By Cal Ripken Jr. 112 pages. \$39.95. Summit. Reviewed by 4 Jonathan Yardley

cancer was in remission.

sheep. By the time he published

CAL RIPKEN JR.'s first venture into the gift book market turns out to be exactly what you'd expect from Cal Ripken Jr.: a solid performance. modest and workmanlike rather than flashy, good for the long

It goes without saying that "Ripken: Cal on Cal" is designed to cash in on the great sured approach to every aspect éclat the Baltimore Oriole of his life has paid ample reshortstop earned this summer in wards. his successful effort to break Lou Gehrig's "unbreakable" major-league record of 2.130 consecutive games played; but the book has absolutely no air of mere exploitation, and indeed it could be given to young readers as a gift both pleasurable and instructive.

The book consists of a rel-

atively brief text by Ripken, pre-

sumably given professional pol-

looss Jr. Some of these pictures appeared in Sports Hlustrated earlier this year, while others see print for the first time.

What may surprise some readers is that Ripken's text is every bit as interesting as looss's photographs. Even if he enjoyed an editor's help, Ripken is an uncommonly thoughtful and articulate man who happens to be an athlete, and those qualities shine through in these words. Even as Ripken acknowledges "the kid inside me," what he says reveals a man of maturity and common sense whose mea-

At a time when the United States celebrates self rather than community, it is useful and heartening to hear from a famous athlete to whom team is more important than self and whose appreciation of the contributions others have made to his success appears to be bottomiess. There is no reason to believe that Ripken's modesty is anything except genuine; ish by the editor, Mark Vancil, when he says, "Let's not forget indelibly on the adult he evenand color photographs by Walter that I'm just a ballplayer" and mally became. He writes that he staff of The Washington Post.

achievements mushroom out of petite for autographs, since he perspective, what we are hearing are rare words spoken in an uncommon voice.

forward with Senate consideration."

Ripken's devotion to his parents is deep and touching. His father, a minor-league ballplayer who eventually went to the majors as a coach and, briefly, manager of the Orioles, seemed from the stands to be a rather cold, stern man, but in his son's eyes he was the ultimate exemplar. Over and over again, Ripken Jr. recounts the small and large ways in which Ripken Sr.'s model shaped his life, whether it the time." be learning to play despite in-juries or picking up balls after batting practice. As Ripken Jr. puts it: "I know I wanted to copy everything my dad did - how he dressed, how he put on his struck me." It strikes the readbaseball uniform. I thought my

dad knew the right way to do As his comments about his parents suggest, Ripken is one of those people fortunate stand, and appreciate, what that enough to have had a happy baseball reality meant.

cautions against letting his never had any particular apthat he treasured balls and gloves they sometimes gave him. "When I was looking for houses a few years ago," he

writes, "I was taken through a house that still had people living there. I went into the kid's room and looked around at all the stuff, and up on the dresser there was a ball I had signed. It was sitting right on top of the dresser where I would have had my ball, or shiny rock, or whatever I thought was important at

same place I put my things, er, too: as an unexpected and revealing glimpse inside a man who has learned to keep his privacy, a man sufficiently observant and sensitive to under-

Jonathan Yardley is on the

READ: Or Don't, if French

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you in the face," Libération said. Albert Tuinman, a survey organizer at the OECD's education and training division, paring different countries. said he was puzzled by the French reaction because France was the first country to commit itself to participate in the sur-

He added that even though France fared poorly overall, it ranked first in the 16-to-24 age category, which confirmed the

from the results made it impossible to determine the couninterpret tables, charts and were that any country could graphs, and the quantitative porpull out."

He also said that the tests calculate, for example, the percentage of calories in a cheese-

burger that comes from fat. the French Education Ministry, learn."

rejected the findings because he said the report's methodology was flawed. This, he said, gave him serious doubts about the reliability of the statistics com-

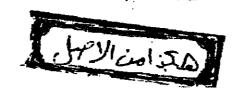
"I was all the more convinced of the flaws when I saw the results," he said, "particularly since each country defined its own control conditions."

Mr. Thelot said all evidence suggested that general literacy in France was continuing to nse, with only one in seven quality of its educational sys- children entering first grade without having already But the elimination of France achieved basic reading skills.

As for the report, "it's an interesting and novel study, but try's position in two of the sur- it has certain weaknesses," he vey's categories — the ability to said. "From the start, the rules

He also said that the tests were influenced by what he called "Anglo-Saxon culture," meaning that the French were Clande Thelot, a director in asked "things the Prench don't





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Patti Smith on the Road Again - Well, It's Good to Be Alive'

By Neil Strauss New York Times Service

EW YORK — On Thanksgiving weekend, Patti Smith, the influential poet and musician of the 1970s, traveled to Philadelphia to visit the grave of her brother, Todd, who died of a stroke last year. She left not flowers but cigarettes.

The last time Smith, 49, saw her brother disappearing to the Detroit suburb of St. was at Thanksgiving 1994. It was then that he consoled her after the loss of her husband, the former MC5 guitarist Fred (Sonside of society is where I want to be."

The last time Smith, 49, saw her brother disappearing to the Detroit suburb of St. Clair Shores, Smith has stayed true to the refrain of "Rock-and-Roll Nigger": "Outside of society is where I want to be."

There's no job harder he consoled her after the loss of her hus-band, the former MC5 guitarist Fred (Sonic) Smith, who had died of heart failure only weeks before, and urged her to start cause the Night," which she wrote in 1978

Boston as part of a tour with Bob Dylan. "My song 'Rock-and-Roll Nigger' is on it, and he put it on really loud, and we drove around. I was totally just desolate, and he said: 'I'm going to get you back on your feet. You're going to go back to

mother of the '80s who shocked her fans by

"When I saw my brother last year, he took me for a drive, and he had the soundtrack to 'Natural Born Killers,' "Smith said, speaking by telephone from Worcester, Massachusetts, on the way to a concert." inspired by her 1975 debut album, morees." to the music of the alternative-rock band Sonic Youth, inspired not just by her poetry but also by her raucous guitarmarket by her 1975 debut album, morethings that I learned from use capacitation to the work that I'm doing now."

Smith appears to be taking on a new image in the '90s, that of an extremely and compassionate woman

withdrew from the music world to become a housewife, Smith takes pride. "I don't mind being called a housewife,

with his help I could do it. And he's still position, and I think nothing greater could have happened to me at that time. I learned From the belligerent Bohemian punk poet of the 70s who galvanized the New York underground to the loving wife and children, and I developed my skills and hopefully developed into the clean human

"People like to think that you went and stopped working," she continued. "There's no job harder than being a

wife and a mother. It's a position that should be respected and honored, not more nobility than the other work that I did. Hopefully, I can inject some of the things that I learned from that experience

pushed back into the public eye by the hand of death. On the new album she is

work. Working will help you.' He said, 'I'm going to be right there with you.' And that's the last time I saw him alive. We talked about it for a few days, and I felt that with his help I could do it. And he's still recition and I think nothing areas are said.

though I didn't disappear to be a house wife, 's she said. "I disappeared to be by the side of the man that I loved. It was a sometimes difficult but always honorable with his help I could do it. And he's still recition and I think nothing areas are said."

though I didn't disappear to be a house with her husband, there are songs not only the side of the man that I loved. It was a sometimes difficult but always honorable died) but also for other talented musicians right now, 's she said. "My main thing is to recition and I think nothing areas are songly not only the said."

The said, 'I disappear to be a house with her husband, there are songs not only the said. "I don't have any particular message right now," she said. "My main thing is to recition and I think nothing areas are songly and I felt that some time I saw him alive. We take a some time I saw him alive. We take a some time I saw him alive. We take a some time I saw him alive. We take a some time I saw him alive. We take a some time I saw him alive. We take a some time I saw him alive. We take a some time I saw him alive. We take a some time I saw him alive. We take a some time I saw him alive. We take a some time I saw him alive. We take a some time I saw him alive. We take a some time I saw him alive. We take a some time I saw him alive. We take a some time I saw him alive. We take a some time I saw him alive. We take a some time I saw him alive. We take a some time I saw him alive. We take a some time I saw him alive. We have a some time I saw him alive. We take a some time I saw him alive. We take a some time I saw him alive. We have a some time I saw him alive. We have a some time I saw him alive. We have a some time I saw him alive. We have a some time I saw him alive. We have a some time who fell victim to early deaths, including make a good life for my children, and to Kurt Cobain and Jerry Garcia.

> my Iovine, one of the producers, had a child. Three children were born in the process of making 'Dream of Life.' And now, when I look back at that record, Richard Sohl, my keyboard player, died and Bohard Manager of Life was that will extend to respecting the planet." process of making 'Dream of Life.' And now, when I look back at that record, Richard Sohl, my keyboard player, died and Fred died and Robert Mapplethorpe died, all of whom had key roles in the looked upon as some sappy alternative. It's creating of that record. And so three chilmuch more demanding, and required much dren were born and three men died: that's the beautiful way of life."

In addition to the new album, to be released on Arista in the spring, Smith also has a book, "The Coral Sea," to be published in May by W.W. Norton, that she wrote when the photographer Robert Mapplethorpe, one of her closest friends, died of AIDS in 1989. When asked which was more important to her, having her own completing in New York, her first since music heard or spreading the names and

get strong myself. Globally, I'm most con-"I've seen a lot of death lately," she said. "When we did 'Dream of Life, I had a child he engineer had a child and Jimmusic in memory of and in respect to others will turn into other things because if

> HE tour has been going smoothly so far, Smith said. Her band indrummer Jay Dee Daugherty, as well as Tom Verlaine, the singer and guitarist in the band Television, which circulated in the same underground scene that Smith did in the '70s. Michael Stipe of R.E.M. is also traveling with her, not to make music but for support and encouragement. With Dy-lan's blessing, the band is performing his song "Wicked Messenger" in concert.

"The atmosphere was happy at our first show," Smith said. "I thought the audience was basically Bob's people, but they seemed real happy to see us because they know that I'm one of Bob's people, too. They couldn't lose, and neither could I. I feel nothing but joy. If I had to spar with a hostile audience every night, I'd still be

Smith said she would not tour when her album comes out unless her children her son, Jackson, 13, and her daughter Jesse, 8 — are on school vacation. But that does not mean that her recent productivity

respecting the planet."

HE tour has been going smoothly so far, Smith said. Her band includes her longtime collaborators, the guitarist Lemy Kaye and the ler lay Dee Daugherty, as well as scotling work of the face of all of our different lay of our sorrow, all of our sorrow.

people that in the face of all of our difficulties, all of our sorrow, all of our personal tragedies and disappointments, we can still be all right . . ."

Smith broke off in the middle of her sentence and pansed. "I didn't really articulate that the way I wanted to," she continued. "Basically what I'm trying to say is 'Well it's good to be alive." say is, 'Well, it's good to be alive.'



Jeremy Sinden as Toad, center, in the National Theatre production of ''The Wind in the Willows,'' now at the Old Vic.

'Jungle Book' Tales From the Victorian Undergrowth

ONDON — Though his management of the Young Vic is still precarious, since the theater seems to do best when on rental to such outside forces as "Grimm's Tales" and now we the RSC or Théâtre de Comget Kipling's "The Jungle

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who wish to venture beyond the ravenous beasts of Shere

Disney has already picked

these tales over for cartoons, but then that studio had also ransacked Grimm. What Supple does is to get us away from the wide-screen musicals and back to something very much more dramatic and immediate, the telling of primal tales unencumbered by any showbiz or sentimental apparatus. His "Jungle Book" is no more politically correct than Kipling was, and it does not attempt to persuade contemporary children that they have to make allowances for or bring any current sensibilities to bear on the proceedings. They just have to watch and listen and learn how things were in these

The case against Kipling is much like the case now made against J.M. Barrie or Lewis Carroll: that they were paternalist psychiatric accidents waiting to happen and that their tales from and for the nursery would give any child psychologist lasting nightmares, never provide the amazing central rotating drum of the Olivier stage, on which scenery could rise and fall while revolving at speed.

boring, but in this brisk chase through the undergrowth of this Victorian jungle we get to follow Mowgli's coming-of-age adventures, as first beast and then man rejects him. It's a moral tale and a gripping one, agile in its playing as in its minimalistic staging.

For those who prefer their tales from the wild woods to be rather more local, not to say specifically and class-consciously period English the greatest Christmas triumph of the 1990s has undoubtedly been Alan Bennett's adaptation of 'The Wind in the Willows'' which, after four consecutive sold-out seasons at the National Theatre, now moves to the Old Vic where it will doubtless reappear annually until the mil-

lennium and well beyond. True, Toad and Badger and Ratty and Moley are now living in somewhat reduced circumstances. The Old Vic cannot

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plicité, Tim Supple is building up a useful line in intelligent to the bone (in this case quite the three, can be numbingly of Toad Hall," with a now good songs from World War II faintly tacky set grinding its that had escaped previous comway very slowly around and an equally cut-down cast.

Yet the old magic still works. Bennett's brilliant realization

LONDON THEATER

that Kenneth Grahame was writing about people with specific from social and even sexual problems, rather than animals having a bit of a lark, has given this play the wisdom of hindsight and all the magic of an long-lost history book. With Toad as the rash young landowner about to lose arriviste middle class, Badger as a faintly gay old professor, Ratty as an irritable club bore and Moley as the nervous new boy, we are thrust headlong into a comedy of bad manners form which we never really escape nor ever

really wish to. Jeremy Sinden makes splendidly bulbous Toad, and though the rest of the playing is a little subdued still, this is the perfect Christmas treat for any-one of any age still retaining any curiosity about the snob-bery with violence that was the making of modern Britain.

At the King's Head, "Swingtime Canteen" is just terrible. That is the only thing spectac-No less than three writers are ular about this misbegotten, credited with "the book," which turns out to be at best a accentuates not the positive but pamphlet and a remarkably the deeply negative.

poser-based anthologies of this nature, the writers have cobbled together a pathetic tale about an all-girl band from the Holly-

wood Canteen setting out on an abortive troop tour of Europe.

In order to string together some woefully tacky songs, from "My Shining Hour" (which it patently was not) to everything you ever managed to forget from the Andrews Sisters, we have to lurch through this gruesome apology for a plot, not to mention one of the worst Marlene Dietrich impersonations that I have ever had to

This is not, let me hasten to add, a King's Head production, since it fails that theater's quality control on every level except the ability of the producers to pay rent for the space; it also sets back the cause of songbook shows by about 30 years, despite the fact that it has unfathomably managed to survive the past season off-Broadway, where there must be precious little around by way of enter-tainment. An all-English quintet does its best to look like tough American broads on the road and fails spectacularly. shambling mishmash, one that



Marit Sauramo (left) and Jorma Hynninen.

Finnish Opera: An Oasis in a Desert Landscape

By David Stevens

ANTES, France — The rise in the last 20 years of a group of Finnish composers writing for the theater has appeared on the world operatic landscape like an oasis in the middle of the desert.

The latest demonstration is the startling popular success here of the first of the new Finnish operas to find its way to France, "Kullervo," the fourth opera by Aulis Sallimen, the 60-year-old composer who is the best known and most prolific of this group. The prolonged ovation given the work and production at the Théâtre Graslin — a performance sung in Figure 2 and production at the Théâtre Graslin — a performance sung in Finnish and without surtitles — suggests the commu-

Oddly enough, "Kullervo" had its world premiere in Los Angeles in 1992 before being the opening production of the new Finnish National Opera in Helsinki the following year. It was to have been the other way around, but delays in completion of the Helsinki theater decreed otherwise.

Sallinen is doubtless Finland's biggest musical export since Sibelius, who wante no operate. nicative power of Sallinen's music.

Sallinen is doubtless Finland's biggest musical export since Sibelius, who wrote no operas.

The story of "Kullervo" is taken from the "Kalevala," the Finnish national epic. The appearance of the "Kalevala" in literary form in the 19th century is linked to the rise of Finnish national feeling. Sallinen freely adapted his own libretto from the 19th-century play of the same name by Aleksis Kivi.

The story is not easygoing folklore. Kullervo, the title character, is the ultimate rebel without a cause — doomed, violently anarchic and self-destructive. Orphaned and sold into slavery by a fratricidal uncle, he unwittingly commits incest with a sister, and finally goes off seeking vengeance against society in general and his uncle in particular, before destroying himself by fire.

Sallinen is said to have once been a strict 12-tone man, but as an opera composer he is clearly readable and undoctrinaire.

as an opera composer he is clearly readable and undoctrinaire. He appears to take his vocal writing straight from the par-He appears to take his vocal writing straight from the particularities of the Finnish language — in ways reminiscent of Janacek or Mussorgsky in Czech and Russian — while the percussion-rich orchestra is transparent and contributes richly to the drama. While not intimidatingly "modern," this is real and highly individual theater music.

The chorus has a major narrative role to play, and the opera's most striking set piece is the long narrative by a blind singra who reveals the details of Kullervo's incest in a long ballad. It was summe by one of several Finns in the cast. Vesa-Matti Loiri,

was sung by one of several Finns in the cast, Vesa-Matti Loiri, who apparently is a popular singer-actor.

Jorna Hynninen, the Finnish baritone well known on the

international circuit and the creator of the title role, was indispensable as Kullervo, richly sung and intensely dramatic. Authenticity was also provided by Teo Maiste and Eeva-Lissa Saarinen as Kullervo's parents, and Marit Sauramo as the blacksmith's wife, who meets a violent end when an erotic episode with Kullervo goes wrong.

HE cast also had French and other singers who performed convincingly in an unfamiliar tongue.
Gilles Ragon as Kullervo's youthful companion was
excellent, and Frédéric Vassar and Cynthia Buchan

were the disagreeable uncle and annt.

Philippe Godefroid, the Nantes Opera's artistic director, shared stage directing duties with Françoise Terrone, who also supplied a dazzling variety of costumes, and they sate ceeded in giving a strong sense of movement to many scenes that tend toward immobility. The Orchestre Philharmonique des Pays de la Loire, as well as the house chorus, gave a highly convincing account of the score under Koen Kessels.

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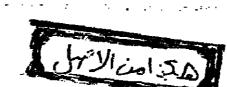
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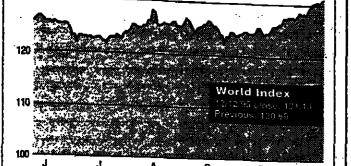
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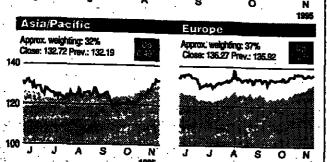
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Europe Awaits a German Rate Cut

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By Erik Ipsen

LONDON — For much of Europe, 1995 opened with strong economic growth and the fear that central banks attendant inflationary pressures. Now, in the waning days of the year, the Continent cuts to avoid it.

"So far no one is talking about recession, but you now at least have to mention the word with a question mark over it," said Holger Fahrinkrug, an economist with Union Bank of Switzerland in Frankfurt.

After a stagnant third quarter in Germany, and a fourth quarter that many analysis are predicting will actually show shrinking business activity, the outlook for Europe's largest economy has turned dire. The hope in much of Europe is that the German economic scenario has grown sufto cut interest rates — perhaps as soon as its monthly meeting on Thursday.

'If the Germans cut on Thursday, 1 think it will unlock a lot of cuts elsewhere," said Stephen Hannah, director of bond research at IBJ International Ltd. in

many acts first. Their fear is that unilateral cuts could give the foreign-exchange markets an excuse to send their currencies "Even hard-core monetaries are now their currencies". lower. That could cause inflation by making imports more expensive.

That is especially true in Britain, where would push up interest rates to fight the the chancellor of the Exchequer and the worth said, pointing out that monetarists governor of the Bank of England meet Wednesday to set monetary policy. The is gripped by concern over an economic meeting takes place against the backdrop slump, and there are calls for interest-rate of a slowing economy and a currency that of a slowing economy and a currency that has recently touched new lows against the mark. Citing the precarious position of the pound, Mr. Hannah said it was unlikely that Britain would cut rates alone.

In spite of the Bundesbank's habit of setting monetary policy solely on the basis of monetary indicators, many analysts say a rate cut is inevitable. The debate is over timing: Will rate cuts come in December, or will the Bundesbank wait until early next year?

The consensus in favor of a German rate cut has been driven by economists' forecasts for German growth in 1996. In ficiently bleak to persuade the Bundesbank the early autumn, many said the economy would grow by more than 2.5 percent next year, but predictions of growth well below 2 percent are now more common.

Attention in Germany has focused on the stubbornly high unemployment rate. "The labor market has not participated at all in what little growth we have seen," For the moment, though, they are re-luctant to ease monetary policy unless Ger-gist at Merrill Lynch & Co. in Frankfurt.

talking about the labor market and the burden on the economy of having nearly 3 million people unemployed," Mr. Bosomdraw their inspiration for action solely from the behavior of money supply.

The question that worries economists of all stripes is what will drive Germany forward in the new year. In 1994, and again in the first half of this year, that momentum came from exports. But German exports have sagged under the weight of the mark, which rose about 9 percent against the dollar last year and has risen about 7 percent this year.

Germany's stubbornly high jobless rate has scuppered hopes for much stimulus coming from consumer spending, in spite of tax rebates due in January of an estimated 20 billion to 25 billion DM (\$13.9 billion to \$17.3 billion).

With inflation and the growth of money supply now running below the Bundesbank's targets, analysts say the opportunity for a cut in the price of borrowing is there.

If it is seized, and if the Bundesbank also raises its targets for 1996 money supply growth, much of Europe will breathe a collective sigh of relief

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Machine Orders Spur Hopes for Japan Recovery

dicator closely watched for signs that Japan could be heading for recovery rose sharply in benefit from a weaker yen and October after falling for three electronics firms ride a global months, according to official data released on Tuesday.

The government's Economic Planning Agency said private-sector machinery orders, exing and electric power firms, rose a seasonally adjusted 11.8 percent in Outshard 11.8 percent in October from the previous month, the largest Trade Gap month-on-month rise since

Machinery orders had been falling since July.

Companies' capital invest-ment in areas such as land, plant and machinery is being closely watched along with private consumption as an indication of

measures valued at 14 trillion of getting the economy out of the prolonged doldrums that stock prices.

The rise shows capital investment is recovering gradu-ally," said an official of the Economic Planning Agency after the release of the figures.

Isamu Miyazaki, chief of the agency, has said that Japan's economy should grow about 1 percent in the current fiscal year ending on March 31, 1996, and by more than 2 percent in the following year.

Japan is currently preparing reforms of the tax system renext fiscal year with the aim of bolstering the economy.

major companies listed on the climbed 1.7 percent.
Tokyo Stock Exchange are pro-

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches jecting an average 14.3 percent TOKYO — An economic inprofits in the financial year ending in March 1997 as exporters computer chip boom, according to a survey by the daily Nihon Keizai Shimbun.

(Reuters, Knight-Ridder)

In U.S. Falls

Compiled by Oner Staff From Dispatch WASHINGTON - Wholesale prices shot up 0.5 percent in November, the Labor De-partment said Tuesday, as food and motor-vehicle costs soared. economic recovery.

In September, Japan adopted a package of economic stimulus

and motor-vehicle costs soared.

Energy prices fell for a sixth straight month.

Analysts said the report reyen (\$138 billion) with the aim flected a slight increase in cost pressures, although they noted that food prices were volatile followed the bursting of the country's 1980s economic increases probably were due to 'bubble' of inflated land and problems in adjusting for seaproblems in adjusting for seasonal variations. U.S. stock prices were down slightly in response. (Page 14).

The Labor Department said Tuesday the advance in its Producer Price Index was the third in five months and the largest since a similar 0.5 percent gain in January.

Separately, the Commerce Department said the U.S. current-account trade deficit, after showing one of its biggest deficits ever in the second quarter, narrowed 8.7 percent, to forms and a state budget for the \$39.48 billion, in the third quarter. The deficit in merchandise trade shrank by \$5.37 billion, to Separately, Japan's top 200 \$43.43 billion, as exports

(AP, Reuters)

U.S. Executive Denies Bribing Branson

paper. No one's ever tried to bribe me before. It was very clear what he was trying

LONDON - The head of a U.S. company with a stake in operating Britain's to say national lottery is denying that he tried to bribe Virgin Group PLC's chief, Richard Incrative contract.

In a report Monday by BBC's Panorama news program, Mr. Branson accused Guy Snowden, chairman of GTECH Holdings Corp. in West Greenwich, Rhode Island, of hinting at a bribe during a meeting in September 1993. According to Mr. Branson, Mr. Snow-

phrase this, Richard. There is always a bottom line. I'll get to the point — how can we help you?'

GTECH, the world's largest manufac-turer of lottery equipment, said Mr. Bran-Branson, to pull out of bidding for the son's claim was "beneath contempt." In a strongly worded statement, Mr. Snowden said he was appalled that the

BBC broadcast an accusation "that is grossly defamatory and totally untrue." "I did not attempt to bribe Richard Bran-

son nor did I offer him any form of improper and unlawful inducement. Had I done so, Branson would have been under den said to him: "I don't know how to an obligation to report that fact" to regulators and police, he said.

Bidding was fierce for the contract to run Britain's national lottery, begun in November, 1994. The business was given to Mr. Branson told the BBC: "I was so ber, 1994. The business was given to flabbergasted, I went off to the loo and Camelot, in which GTECH has a 22 perscribbled what he had said on a piece of cent stake.

total of £90 million (\$137 million) every veek, Camelot is making profits of around £1 million a week.

Mr. Branson, who did not withdraw from the bidding, said there was a witness to the conversation. But Camelot's chief executive, Tim Hol-

ley, said the company "utterly refuted" the accusation. And the agency that regulates the lottery, Oflot, said it had not received a complaint from Mr. Branson. BBC quoted Mr. Branson as saying he

did not make a formal complaint but mentioned it to the British lottery directorgeneral, Peter Davis. Mr. Davis said he had no recollection of it, and his office denied that Mr. Branson reported such a bribe. Mr. Branson, who had pledged to give all lottery profits to charity if his bid suc-

ceeded, was not available for comment.

MEDIA MARKETS Is India TV's Newest Eden?

By Richard Covington Special to the Herald Tribune

ONG KONG — Hindu nationalists may be causing problems for American fast-food outlets in India, but Western television producers are betting that the country has a taste for foreign

It is anyone's guess why such bom-in-the-U.S.A. series such as the talk show "Oprahl" and the cartoon series "The Archies" would play well in Bombay. But they do, apparently to audiences drawn inexorably to American popular culture -despite an increasingly vocal nationalist backlash.

Long wary of the Indian television market, Western broadcasters have recently started to move in as program piracy has slowly come under control and local pariners have emerged to help navigate the maze of currency re-

strictions and other regulations. In recent months, a raft of international broadcasters, including Sony Corp., Walt Disney Co., the ESPN sports network, the Discovery documentary channel, the MTV music channel and Turner Broadcasting System Inc. have plunged into a market that some say

promises to be the most vibrant in Asia. Zenith Media, a U.S.-based market analyst, said that with televisions in 43 million households, India already had a higher number of TVs than Britain and France combined. Total television advertising currently amounts to \$250 million and is expected to triple by the

end of the century, Zenith said. India is likely to be a bigger market for Western producers than China will ever be,

said Nicholas James, managing director for the Hong-Kong based Media Asia Group, a dis-tributor of Chinese-language films and videos.

Despite an overall favorable broadcast climate, however, Indian authorities can be unpredictable, as Rupert Murdoch discovered earlier this year. During the course of a talk show that aired on STAR-TV, the satellite broadcaster owned by Mr. Murdoch's News 'Corp., an outspoken guest criticized the government. But it was Mr. Murdoch, not the guest, who came under fire.

According to an article that appeared in World Screen News, a media trade journal, a warrant was soon issued for Mr. Murdoch's arrest, effectively barring him from entering the country.

There are difficult barriers to cracking the market, said Kevin-John McIntyre, vice president and general manager for the Discovery channel in Asia. He predicted a rough ride to profitability.

Analysts say that India's broadcast landscape in filled with anomalies and restrictions intended to protect local broadcasters. Cable operators, for example, are required to carry programming produced by the government broadcast monopoly, Doordarshan.

While a recent court ruling that partially freed the airwaves may chip away at the monopoly's domination, Doordarshan continues to be the only operator permitted to uplink its signal for satellite diffusion within the

This policy results in a puzzling display of

CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES

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Boeing Deal On Labor Lifts Stock

SEATTLE - Shares in Boeing Co. rose Tuesday after news that it had reached a tentative agreement with its biggest union on a contract that could

end a two-month strike. Boeing stock rose \$1.50, to close at \$74.375, in New York. Rank-and-file members of the Machinists union, who rejected a previous contract proposal last month, will vote on the new deal Wednesday, officials said, and could be back at work Thursday

if the deal passes.

More than 32,000 workers represented by the Machinists, nearly one-third of Boeing's work force, have been on strike since Oct. 6 in a dispute over health benefits and job security, bringing production to a virtual halt at Boeing, the world's biggest planemaker.

The new, four-year deal includes strengthened language on subcontracting for work now done by union workers and offers employees financial incentives to switch to a more re-strictive health insurance

The Boeing machinists' average wage would rise from \$20.37 an hour to \$23, the (Rewers, AP)



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Very briefly:

NBC Wins Rights to 3 More Olympics

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — General Electric Co.'s NBC television network says it has paid \$2.3 billion for the cable and television rights to the Olympics in 2004, 2006, and 2008.

NBC already has the television rights to the 1996 Summer Games in Atlanta, for which it paid \$456 million, the Summer Games in 2000 and the Winter Games in 2002. However, Westinghouse Electric Corp.'s CBS unit will broadcast the 1998 Winter Games in Nagano, Japan.

• Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc., the world's largest bottler of Coca-Cola Co. products, says it is in preliminary talks with the Coca-Cola Co. to buy the company's bottling and canning operations in France and Belgium.

• Pacific Telesis Group postponed a \$500 million sale of preferred stock in the wake of a White House proposal that would end tax advantages for securities combining debt and equity.

Names, names, names . . .

•Blockbuster Entertainment Group, a unit of Viacom Inc., appointed Michael Murray president of Blockbuster International.

 Litton Industries Inc., the maker of navigation systems, named John M. Leonis chairman and Michael R. Brown president.

 Textron Inc. named David G. Assard president of its Cessna Aircraft Co. unit. He replaces Russell W. Meyer, who continues to be chairman and chief executive. (Bloomberg, NYT)

RJR Nabisco Chief's Baptism by Fire Economic Data

By Glenn Collins New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Greeting the first public appearance of Steven F. Goldstone as chief executive of RJR Nabisco Holdings Co., the financiers Bennett S. LeBow and Carl C. Icahn sent a letter to the company's 450,000 shareholders assailing his job promotion.

Mr. Bow and Mr. Icahn, in their letter sent Monday, accused Mr. Goldstone of "inaction" toward their stated goal of spinning off the company's food business from its tobacco operations.

Speaking at a presentation to securities analysts in New York City, Mr. Goldstone Johnston, who oversees the R.J. Reynolds responded more bluntly than before to Mr. LeBow and Mr. Icahn, contending that they wanted to "control" RJR Nabisco. At the same time, Mr. Goldstone ad-

dressed intense speculation about whether the company would try to woo shareholders with a dividend increase, hinting that the RJR Nabisco board might approve a "reasonable" rise in the first quarter of 1996.

Mr. Goldstone also announced that the company was pursuing 15 international tobacco deals, including a joint venture in-volving a billion-dollar company that he declined to name. An agreement is expected

LeBow has also filed a consent solicitation agreed to a quick spinoff of the food unit. Nabisco Holdings Corp., which is 80.5 percent owned by RJR Nabisco.

to be reached within the next 10 days. RJR Nabisco's shares were quoted at \$30.75 in late trading Tuesday, un-

RJR Nabisco said last week that Mr. Goldstone, its president, had taken over as chief executive, replacing Charles M. Harper, who remained chairman and a board

member Mr. Harper, who cited personal reasons for his move, introduced Mr. Goldstone at Monday's meeting, which was also attended by the company's top executives, including H. John Greeniaus, who heads the Nabisco food business, and James W.

worldwide tobacco operations.

Mr. LeBow and Mr. Icahn began a proxy battle last month, trying to force RJR Nabisco to immediately spin off its food business from its tobacco operations. The investors have submitted the names of nine people they hope will replace the com-

pany's current board. Acting through his holding company, Brooke Group Ltd., which owns the tobacco company Liggett Group Inc., Mr.

Mr. Goldstone said last week that an immediate spinoff would be irresponsible, exposing the company to dire legal liabilities, lowered credit ratings and the prospect of court injunctions.

Monday's letter from Mr. LeBow and Mr. Icahn contended that Mr. Goldstone's views on the spinoff "challenge the patience and good sense of all stockholders."

'It looks like stockholders can expect an arid and bleak future, and not just in the near term," the letter said. "Inaction does not make things happen, nor does mere rhetorio

RJR Nabisco's official response was to call the Brooke Group's accusations "simply bizarre." But Mr. Goldstone went beyond that, contending in an interview that Mr. LeBow wants to "run the company, to merge it with his poor performer, Liggett, getting him out of a terrible bind."

Mr. LeBow and Mr. Icahn; who control 4.8 percent of RJR Nabisco's shares, have said they would abandon the threat of a proxy fight if RJR Nabisco management

seeking a nonbinding shareholder vote for Give Stocks a Chill an immediate spinoff.

Compiled by Our Staff From Disparches NEW YORK — Stocks fell Tuesday after higher-than-expected inflation data and a dissemiconductor appointing

> gave some investors an excuse rake profits. The Dow Jones industrial index fell 9.40 points, to 5,174.92

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as declining shares led advancing ones by a 13-to-10 ratio on

Bonds pared early losses as a report by the Atlanta Federal Reserve suggested the economy was slowing enough to keep inflation from accelerating.

The price of the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond slipped 6/32, to 111 8/32; its yield edged up to 6.05 percent from 6.04 percent. Bonds had earlier fallen as much as 23/32 after the

producer price data appeared. Regarding the book-to-bill report, the Semiconductor Inthe market closed Monday that the North American November November from 1.18 in October. Analysts had widely fore-

cast a ratio of 1.15. "People were hoping to get another positive surprise," said Michael LaTronica, director of

research at Gruntal & Co. bad, but the pessimists look at the glass as half empty," said Joseph Bartel, director of investment strategy at Fahne-

torola dropped 1/2 to 611/2 and Texas Instruments dipped 11/4 to 54%.

Paper and forest-product stocks numbled after Georgiabook-to-bill ratio for November Pacific, the largest U.S. maker of building materials, warned that fourth-quarter profits would come in below analysts' forecasts. The company blamed soft prices and weak demand

for pulp and containerboard. Georgia-Pacific slid 3 to 68. Champion International skidded 21/4 to 401/s, and Boise Cascade dropped 11/s to 32%.
A report showing inflation ac-

celerated in November raised concern the Federal Reserve Board may not cut interest rates this month, hurting bank stocks.

Financial issues have posted strong gains in the past six months on optimism that borrowing costs would shrink, lifting profits for banking compa-

Citicorp slumped 2 to 6514.
Bank of Boston fell 114 to 4516. Boatmen's Bancshares fell 1% dustry Association said after to 401/2 and Republic New York dropped 1 to 63%.

Producer prices jumped a book-to-bill ratio fell to 1.14 in larger-than-expected 0.5 percent in November, the biggest increase since January, frustrating investors who bet that the Fed would cut rates when its policysetting Federal Open Market Committee meets Tuesday.

"This kind of suggests that the Fed will wait until January before making an interest-rate move," said Joseph DeMarco, head of equity trading at HSBC

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

Fidelity Magellan Stands by Tech Shares

By Brett D. Fromson Washington Post Service

NEW YORK - Fidelity Magellan, the biggest and one of the most influential stock mutual funds, reported that it had increased its commitment to technology

stocks in October. veighting of technology stocks in its port-

folio from 40.2 percent to 43.2 percent, Fidelity said Monday. Trading information from Magellan gets

the attention because the fund has the power to move entire market sectors.

In October and November, Jeffrey Vinik, Magellan's manager, was a heavy seller of several semiconductor stocks, which had previously been his greatest

The fund's greatest commitment was to the computer hardware makers Hewlett-Packard Co. and International Business Ma-

and third-largest holdings on Oct. 31. Trading data obtained by the Post showed that Mr. Vinik also bought 3.1 million shares of Compaq Computer Corp. in October.

The computer software vendor Oracle vestment to 17.6 million shares by the end of the month. He subsequently sold about 100,000 shares of Oracle through Nov. 20, stock. Intel fell 11/2 to 623/2, Mo-

RATES: Fearing Recession, the Rest of Europe Hopes Germany Will Take the Lead and Cut Interest Rates agree on a budget also helped the dollar, traders said. "We are inching our way toward a budget agreement," said Bob Gruber of Chemical Bank. "As long as there are some significant cuts in

spending, that will belp the dollar. Against other currencies, the dollar rose to 1.9973 French francs from 4.9865, and to 1.1753

tually unchanged at \$1.5335.

Mr. Gruber said the dollar could reach 1.4600

single bet in the technology area, according Corp. was Magellan's sixth-largest holdto confidential trading data obtained by the ing in October. Mr. Vinik bought about "The book-to-bill wasn't Magellan's trading in October raised the Washington Post. 700,000 shares of Oracle to raise his in-

chines Corp. They were Magellan's largest according to the confidential trading data.

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and will follow Germany's lead.

'We are seeing a loss of economic momenturn all over Europe, particularly in the core countries of France, Germany and Britain," said Pio de Gregorio, an economist with NatWest Capital Markets Ltd. In spite of that, he said he thought that a German rate cut, which many predict will be the last in the current economic cycle, will not come until next year: "They will

want to keep their powder dry a bit longer to see if the slowdown continues."

Oskar Lafontaine, chairman of the German Social Democratic Party, on Tuesday offered an alternative means to cure what ails Europe. In a desbank to cut interest rates at its council meetdebate in the Bundestag, he suggested that the ing Thursday, Bloomberg Business News retimetable for Europe's single currency should be ported from New York. set back. Mr. Lafontaine warned that strict adherence to the Maastricht Treaty's criteria on everything from government debt to inflation rates "could lead to a Europewide recession."

■ Dollar Rises on Hopes for Rate Cut

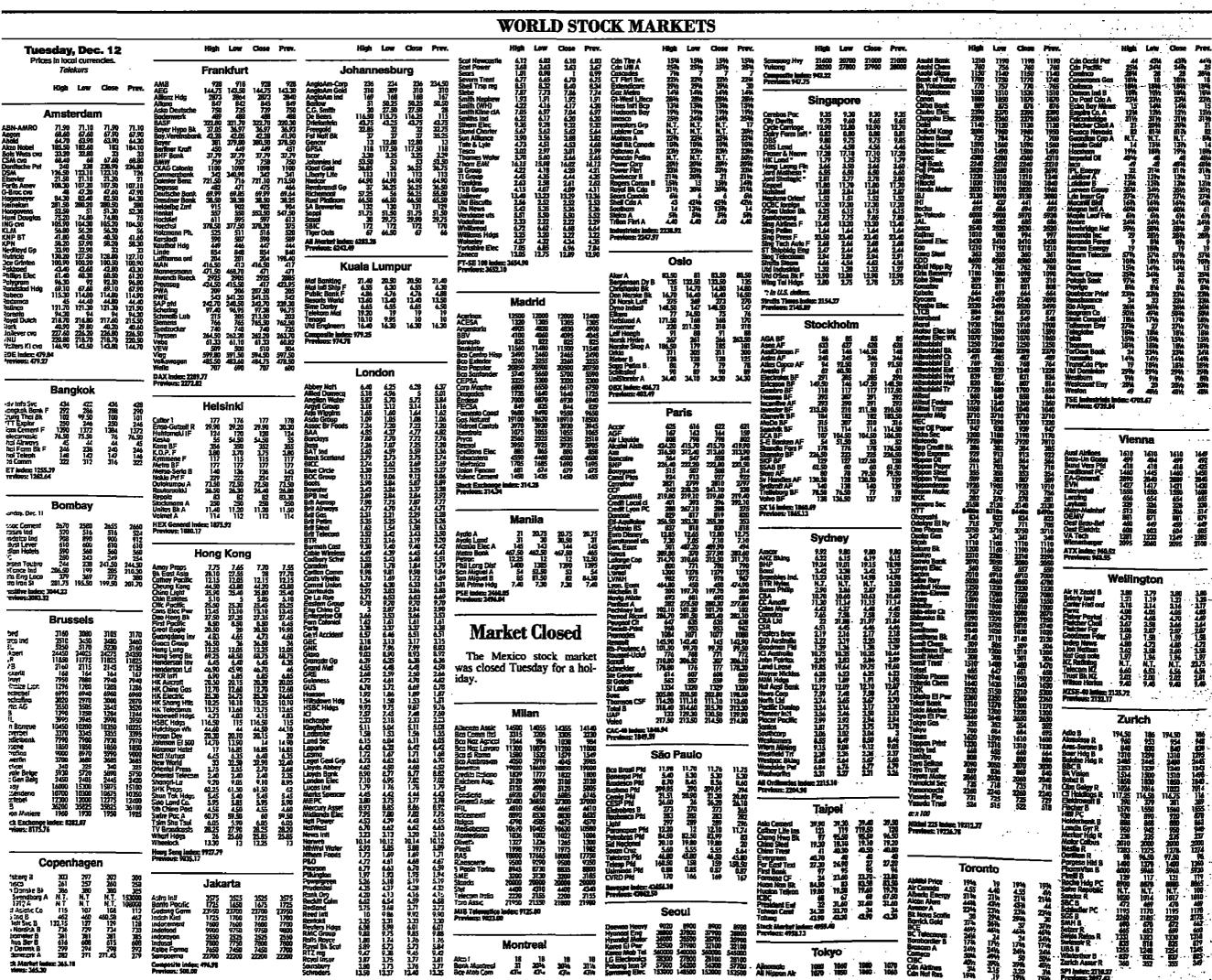
The dollar rose amid speculation that slowing German economic growth would lead the Bun-

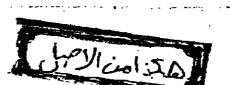
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PARIS — The government's some individuals from buying sale of its controlling stake in the biggest European aluminum producer, Pechiney SA, has been a flop, investors and

analysts said Tuesday. al investors and on Tuesday for safe terrain right now. individual investors. The shares are trading below the offer price ment on the so-called "gray," or informal, market. That signals that demand has not been high. Analysts said the 19-day

Germans Changing TV Alliance

Deutsche Telekom AG, the single biggest shareholder in the alliance that will supply digital TV decoder technology in Germany, will now share control with the cable concern Vebacom GmbH, 1996. Usmor shares are down the companies said Tuesday.

The two companies will hold # a 51 percent share in the alliance, known as MMBG. MM-BG will license the decoder technology to manufacturers that want to make set-top decoding boxes.

The composition of the alliance had worried some media companies, which argued before the announcement that Deutsche Telekom had too much power. German antitrust officials have said they want to ensure free

access to digital technology.

Deutsche Telekom and Veba AG's Vebacom unit are, respectively, owners of the firstand second-largest cable networks in Germany.

The remaining 49 percent of MMBG will be held by Bertelsmann AG, the Kirch Group, Compagnie Luxembourgoise de Télédiffusion, Canal Plus SA, the German public broadcasters ARD and ZDF, and RTL TV.(Reuters, Bloomberg)

"The issue's going terribly," said Marc Altmann, a senior French equities trader at Crédit Lyonnais Securities. "It was The offering, priced at 187 francs (\$37.55) per share, closed on Friday for institution-the French market is not exactly Pechiney declined to com-

> An official announcement on the offering is not expected to be made before Friday morning, a government source said. Nigel Hankin, a fund man-

ager with Draycott Partners Ltd. in London, said his company never buys "anything the French government sells." "Just look at what they ve

sold so far," he said. The government's sale of the steelmaker Usinor-Sacilor SA in July is a case in point.

Usinor shares fell to a record low of 65.40 francs Tuesday, down 2.55 francs. The stock fell 5 francs Monday, after the company said its second-half profit would fall below expectations. Usinor also painted a bleak picture for the early months of about 24 percent from July's initial public offer price of 86 francs a share for individual buy-(Bloomberg, Reuters)

■ Strike Mixes Markets

French bonds rose Tuesday, but stocks slipped, as investors placed bets on whether the government would stick to plans to return the Communists as the cut spending in the face of new demonstrations and the ongoing public transport strike, Bloomberg Business News re-

"I believe the government will win," said Keith Patton, the head of European bond investments for Robert Fleming

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The CAC-40 index of leading French stocks slipped 0.69 points, to 1,848.94. But the price of the benchmark 10-year government bond rose, bringing its yield down to 6.79 percent from 6.80 percent. The franc strengthened. The Deutsche mark fetched 3.4496 francs, down from 3.4578 francs.

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Fiat's Fate at a Fork in the Road Chairman's Exit Casts Spotlight on Aspiring Nephew

MILAN — The decision by Fiat SpA's chairman, Gianni Agnelli, to hand over the company reins to a man only slightly younger than himself has left a question mark over the future of Italy's most powerful business dynasty.

Mr. Agnelli, who has been in poor health, said on Monday that he would step down in a few months and that Chief Executive Cesare Romiti would take his place at the head of Italy's largest private industrial group.

The move puts leadership of Fiat in the hands of someone from outside the Agnelli family for the first time in three

Bankers and industry analysts said the slowdown during the recession of the early 1990s. But they noted that it had put off a more radical shake-up.

on his own to all intents and purposes for the past five years," a U.S. investment banker based in Milan said.

It is not yet clear whether Mr. Romiti will combine his new role as chairman with his current function as chief executive.

The influence of the Agnelli family over a company with projected sales of 76 trillion line (\$48 billion) and interest

Mr. Agnelli, who turns 75 in March, will continue to preside over a shareholders' pact that controls the group.

Gianni Agnelli is the grandson of an ex-cavalry officer with entrepreneurial flair, who founded Fiat at the turn of the century with a handful of friends.

What is less certain is who will take up the commander's baton when Mr. Romiti, a close confidant of the Agnellis, leaves the scene. Under the company's can probably be accommodated within statute, Mr. Romiti will himself be the upper reaches of the Fiat empire. obliged to step down in 1998 when he too

reaches the age of 75.
"Eventually, there has to be a genmove ensured continuity at a time when eration change," said a London-based SpA, Italy's largest bank, said Tuesday it Fiat's car business is flourishing after a analyst. "Romiti has got about two years would testify in a Rome court on Wednesleft to think a bit more about the overall question of succession."

"This is a confirmation of the status business going so well, there is no need to Business News reported from Turin. quo because Romiti has been running Fiar rush into a full-scale reshuffle of the top management team for the time being.

The leading family contender for the top job is Mr. Agnelli's 32-year-old uncle. Gianni Agnelli named Giovannino tender offer for a like amount.

spanning cars, civil engineering and in-surance, looks assured for the foreseeable scooter business, which belongs to his mother's family.

Other executives are expected to rise within the company. The head of Fiat's booming car division, Paolo Cantarella, is seen as one of them.

Mr. Cantarella, in his 40s, is credited with the launch of Fiat's best-selling Punto subcompact car two years ago and the more recent range of midrange cars.

But industry analysts say the ambitions of both Giovannino and Mr. Cantarella

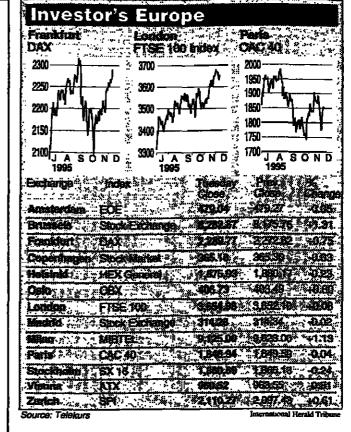
■ San Paolo Set to Testify in Court

Istituto Bancario San Paolo di Torino day that it believes Mediobanca SpA must tender for another 10 percent of But analysts think that, with the Fiat Ferruzzi Finanziaria SpA, Bloomberg

Mediobanca, the Milan investment bank, is appealing a decision by stock market regulator Consob that its acqui-sition of almost 10 percent of Ferruzzi nephew, Giovanni Alberto, known as stock last month triggered an anti-Giovannino to distinguish him from his takeover law that requires it to make a

as his anointed successor in July.

San Paolo, Ferruzzi's largest share-but Giovannino is widely thought to be holder, last week voted against Ferruzzi's too young to take over running a company as complex as Fiat at this point despite his being managed by Mediobanca.



Very briefly:

•Compass Group PLC, Britain's largest contract caterer, said it sold its health-care unit for £178.8 million (\$274.0 million) to its managers and a new company controlled by CINVen, an investment fund.

The European Union gave Kimberly-Clark Corp. and Scott Paper Co. permission to merge their activities before the completion of a EU antitrust inquiry; the deal is expected to create the world's largest maker of tissue products.

•Switzerland's seasonally adjusted third-quarter gross domestic product growth was unchanged from the second quarter's 0.5 percent expansion, and grew a smaller-than-expected 0.7 percent from a vear earlier.

•Spain's government budget deficit narrowed 14.5 percent, more-than-expected, in November, putting the country on track to trim its 1995 deficit to 4.6 percent of gross domestic product from

5.0 percent in 1994. •The Netherlands said producer prices fell 0.9 percent in October from September, but rose 0.9 percent from a year earlier, the

•Argentaria Corporación Bancaria de España SA reportedly expects the state's planned public offering of a 25 percent stake in the bank to take place between March and May.

Names, names, names . . .

figures are not seasonally adjusted

•Cray Electronics Holdings PLC said that Alec Daly, currently deputy chairman, would replace Roger Holland as chairman; Mr. Holland is to continue as a nonexecutive director at the company. •Arjo Wiggins Appleton PLC has appointed Daniel Melin a director and deputy chairman; Mr. Melin is chief executive of the

•Allied Domecq PLC said it has appointed Sir Christopher Hogg as nonexecutive chairman to succeed Michael Jackaman on April 1; Mr. Hogg is currently Allied Domecq's nonexecutive

company's largest shareholder, Saint Louis SA of France.

Investors Look Beyond Russian Election

LONDON - Foreign investors are positioning them-selves for a stock market rally even if most of them fail to pass vestors are positioning themin Russia despite parliamentary elections that look certain to largest single party.

No party is expected to gain overall control in the Dec. 17 elections, and opinion polls currently show that the Communists, led by Gennadi A. Zyuganov, getting 15 to 23 percent of the vote. "The December elections do

not mean a great deal in the overall scheme of things because of the power of the president under the Russian constitution," said Dominic Bokor-Ingram of the Red. White and Blue Tiger Funds.

Under Russia's constitution,

likelihood with 43 political parthe 5 percent cut-off to win

The fragmentation of Parliament means that Russian politics is likely to remain difficult to follow but also that privatization and reform are likely to

smaller fringe groups, most parties are in favor of continued reform," said Michael Klebnikov, a Russia specialist at H. Rivkin in New York. "The main difference is that some want it to be done faster, others want to slow the process down."

lieve that any shift in the balthe Parliament has to muster a ance of power in Parliament two-thirds majority to defeat a could see a stronger challenge

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been able to coalesce around significant issues and there has Fund veen no single dominant force emerging that can challenge have taken in \$30 million to \$40 Yeltsin," said Rose Gottesaid Rose Gottemoeller of London's Institute 'Aside from some of the for Strategic Studies.

Worries over politics and Mr. Yeltsin's health stopped a rally, blue-chip shares, espe-second-quarter rally in the Rus-cially the oil, electricity and sian share market. The CSFB ROS index of leading Russian shares hit a yearlong high of 906.90 in that quarter, but the market is now languishing around 600 points.

Mr. Bokor-Ingram said that there had been little buying in the share market.

'The government can't raise a lot of money from the power sector and tends to leave it

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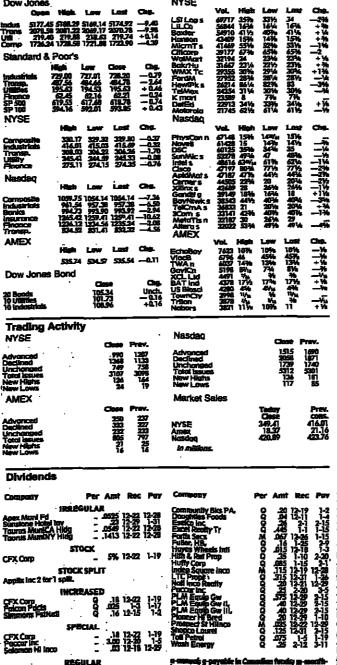
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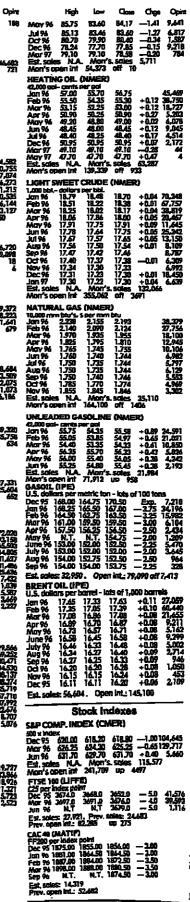
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Full Speed Ahead For Chipmakers

Hitachi and TI Expanding

TOKYO - Despite forecasts that the semiconductor industry is in for a period of falling demand, two big computer-chip makers on Tuesday to build a \$1.2 billion semiannounced plans for international expansion.

Hitachi Ltd. of Japan said it would triple production of memory chips with a 462 mil-

JVC Is Planning An Electronics Factory in India

NEW DELHI - Victor Co. of Japan Ltd. is planning to set up a manufacturing base in India for its consumer electronics goods, a JVC executive

said Tuesday. "We have been doing a market survey for the last one year, and we plan to set up our base soon," said the executive, who declined to be identified.

The consumer goods that will be manufactured in new facilities would include televisions and mu-

JVC is a subsidiary of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. Currently, IVC's products are selectively sold in India through the Onida group. The executive said JVC might have Onida as a partner in the project.

The wealth of India's booming middle class and a reform program in the economy have prompted several home electronics multinationals to set up manufacturing bases in the

Sony Corp., the Panasonic group, Aiwa Co. of Japan as well as Samsung Corp. of South Korea are among the prominent Asian companies that have set up manufacturing bases

lion Deutsche mark (\$320.8 million) expansion of its factory in Landshut, Germany, while U.S.-based Texas Instruments Inc. announced a joint venture conductor factory in Thailand

to make memory chips. The announcements followed negative market reaction Monday to Samsung Electronics Co., which said it had become the first company in the world to design circuits for a prototype 1-gigabit dynamic random access memory chip with more than 15 times the capacity of the largest DRAMs

Investors chose to focus on falling prices for smaller 4- and 16-megabit chips, sending Samsung shares down nearly 6 percent. They fell an additional 1 percent Tuesday to close at 152,000 won (\$197).

now available.

Later Monday, the U.S. semiconductor industry reported that its book-to-bill ratio. which indicates demand for chips, fell to 1.14 in November from 1.18 in October. But that decline was less than many in the industry had expected, and orders for chips remained ahead of 1994 levels.

Although some analysts have cautioned that the strong growth in the sector is slowing, others have said the widening uses for computer chips in electronic devices other than computers bodes well for growth.

Masao Takebayashi, a Hitachi spokesman, said capacity at the company's wholly owned unit, Hitachi Semiconductor (Europe) GmbH, was expected to increase to 3 million 16megabit DRAMs a month by the second half of 1998 from the current level of 1 million a month. Most of the output is to be sold in Europe.

Texas Instruments' partner in Thailand is Charn Uswachoke, chief executive of Alphatec Electronics Co., Thailand's largest assembler of integrated circuits. The new company, Alpha-TI Semiconductors, is to make 16- and 64megabit DRAMs.

Cargill Outlines Expansion in Asia

SINGAPORE — The commodities trader and producer Cargill Inc., the biggest private company in the United States, plans to invest \$1.5 billion over 10 years in Asia, most of it in the grains and oilseeds business.

Stephen Ward, president of Cargill Asia Pacific Ltd., said in an interview here recently that the company would focus on processing and trading oilseeds, animal feed and poultry, with China, India and Indonesia getting the bulk of the

Cargill, which is based in Minneapolis and has already invested \$280 million in plants across Asia, predicts further rapid growth in the Asian food market and continued higher per-capita spending on food. Mr. Ward said.

"The company has decided that 10 percent of corporate net worth will be in Asia," Mr. Ward said. "Today we have 4.5 percent in Asia-Pacific, and a projected \$1.5 billion will be invested by 2005." Still, Cargill has not has complete suc-

office in Bangalore, India. "In India it is no good just dealing with Delhi — you have to go in and build constituencies and recognize stakehold-

cess in Asia: in 1992, protesters burned its

ers at lower levels," Mr. Ward said. Mr. Ward said the new investments could lead to manufacturing overtaking trading as the main contributor to net earn-

Wheat Prices Expected to Soar

SINGAPORE - World wheat prices will soon surge to the highest level in 21 years, the head of Cargill Inc.'s Asian division says.

"You have to go back to the 1920s, or odd years like the drought of 1983 to see a wheat market like this," said Stephen Ward, president of Cargill Asia Pacific Ltd.

Mr. Ward attributed the surge to a sharp rise in demand in the Asian-Pacific grain markets this year. Prices also have been rising worldwide

because of a poor wheat harvest in Russia.

ings in Asia. About 65 percent of regional earnings now come from trading and 35 percent from manufacturing, he said. 'We will have more of a balance and, in fact, you could make a case that net earnings from manufacturing will eventually exceed those of trading," he said of the proposed investments. "But trading is

and always will be one of our core busi-As part of its expansion, Mr. Ward

production, wheat flour milling and steel manufacturing in Asia, Sweetener plants, which could use raw materials such as com, wheat or tapioca, might be built in India and China.

Cargill's sweetener and starch division has been the company's biggest earner, but the most bullish wheat market in a generation means the grains division might compete for that slot in 1995.

Mr. Ward said four or five Asian countries were attractive potential sites for

He said Cargill was talking to two steel groups about the possible construction of a steel plant, but added that any major investment in steel production in Asia was unlikely because of its cost.

Cargill now has animal feed plants in Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan and South Korea. One more is being built in Sri Lanka.

Cargill produces poultry in Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Thailand, industrial salt in Australia, and red meat in Australia and Taiwan, and refines palm oil in Malaysia

The Singapore office mainly trades in oil products, oilseeds, tropical oils, rubber, steel and financial futures.

Company executives said Cargill also planned to set up a palm oil plantation and refinery in Indonesia, to expand its palm oil refineries in Malaysia and to expand said, Cargill was considering sweetener red meat production in Australia.

Chinese Papers Go to War in Hong Kong

By Kevin Murphy International Herald Tribune

HONG KONG - As overcrowded as the city it covers, Hong Kong's Chinese-language newspaper market suddenly faces a withering shakeout.

Proprietors and journalists alike once worried mostly about how the racy reporting and forthright opinions of Hong Kong's newspapers would change with the onset of Chinese rule in 1997.

But now a long-standing circulation price cartel has crumbled under challenge from a brash newcomer, Apple Daily, which is owned by Jimmy Lai, a publisher and outspoken critic of Chinese leaders.

As a result, several of 15 significant rival dailies may find themselves struggling to stay in

"The mass-market papers will suffer but survive," said (Reuters, AP, Knight-Ridder) will salter but survive, salts per publisher of cents) from 5 dollars.

trends. "Some of the smaller vertising rates? That is much naners won't be so lucky."

Share prices fell in most newspaper groups listed on the local stock exchange for the second day running as investors examined the fallout of lower prices for Hong Kong's major

The sale of an already strugling newspaper, Express News, between related companies in the locally listed South China group was also postponed Tuesday, allowing investors time to weigh the full impact of a conflict that appears to be benefiting only Apple Daily.
"It will be a bloody battle

until the middle of next year," Charles Whitworth, an analyst with James Capel Asia, said. Despite the outlook, another paper, Tin Tin Daily News, entered the fray Tuesday, lowering its cover price to 2 Hong Kong dollars (27

Asian Newspaper Focus, a mag-azine tracking regional press allow them to maintain their admore difficult to assess," said Mr. Whitworth, questioning whether price cuts would trans-

> late into the type of readership gains advertisers will reward. The circulation battle comes during a difficult time for newspapers, given high newsprint and production prices and a downturn in local display ad-

vertising because of weak local

retail and property markets. But Apple Daily's decision in June to sell at a lower price than other local newspapers, combined with its ability to rapidly lure readers away from its leading rivals, prompted its

rivals to move, analysts said. "A publishing sensation has generally been overlooked here," Mr. Lynch said. "In a saturated, stagnant market, Jimmy Lai has gone from zero copies sold to 300,000 in only six months."

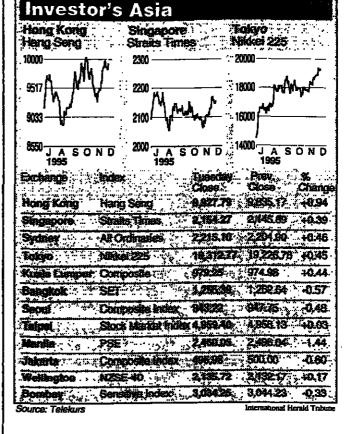
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with Giordano International Ltd., a retail clothing chain, before turning to publishing.

After launching the weekly magazine Next, and incurring Beijing's wrath for criticism of its policies, Mr. Lai focused on the daily newspaper market. Apple Daily has redefined the

local industry, observers say. It has attracted young, affluent middle-class buyers among Hong Kong's 6 million residents through better design and graphics and lively stories. It even has hired former pizza delivery motorbike drivers as reporters to beat other papers to the story.

Through such innovations as taking advertising off the front page plus old-fashioned scandal, crime and celebrity coverage, Mr. Lai has posed a serious challenge to rivals such as the Oriental Daily News, which analysts said received a premium on advertising as Hong Kong's largest-selling paper.



Very briefly:

Nicholas Leeson's lawyers told a Singapore court that the former trader might appeal against six years of his prison sentence. He was convicted Dec. 2 on two charges of cheating for illegally covering up his futures-trading losses that grew to \$1.4 billion and sank Barings PLC in February. Under Singapore law, Mr. Leeson had 10 days to file the notice of appeal. He is being held in Singapore's top-security Tanah Merah prison.

 NTT Data Communications System Corp. said it would start an experimental multimedia computer network on Dec. 25.

 Milkyway Co., an unlisted Japanese software developer, signed an agreement to become a member of the Intuit Inc. group of the United States on Jan. 1; Milkyway said it would exchange all 80,000 outstanding Milkyway shares for 650,000 Intuit shares.

 Apple Computer Inc. said it had launched its first equity joint venture in China to develop its PowerPC chip and Macintosh Operating System for Chinese-speaking markets.

AMMB Holdings Bhd. of Malaysia said its net profit for the half year ended Sept. 30 was 162.9 million ringgit (\$64.3 million), up from 154.39 million ringgit in the like period a year ago.

Names, names, names . . .

• Shu Tse Wong was named chairman and Song Yihan was named president of Ka Wah Bank Ltd. of Hong Kong.

• Lachlan Murdoch, the son of Rupert Murdoch, has been appointed deputy chief executive of News Ltd., the Australian arm of the elder Mr. Murdoch's News Corp. media empire. • John D. Elliot was appointed a director of CXA Commu-

nications Ltd., an Australian mobile-communications company.

 Robert Duggins was named chief executive for the Asian Pacific region by HSBC Asset Management.

• John Phillips was elected deputy chairman by the Australian retailer Woolworths Ltd. Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP, AFX, Knight-Ridder

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A Getting Around

Lisbon has a subway system, the Metropolitano, and buses and streetcars. Most are crowded; all are cheap.

Taxis are plentiful, except when you need them, and relatively inexpensive. Many drivers speak some English. Metered fares do not include a tip: add about 10 percent. For journeys out of town, there are plenty of limos. Ask your hotel concierge to negotiate a price - and then try to bargain it down. You don't need to add a tip to the agreed fare.

We do not recommend taking a taxi - or driving yourself - along the coastal highway, the Marginal, to Estoril and Cascais. Recent studies have shown it to be one of the most dangerous highways in Europe. Instead, take the new A5 toll road or try the fast, frequent commuter trains, which start from a station near the ferryport on the river. The train offers a magnificent view of

At a Glance

Lisbon is built on hills facing the estuary of the River Tagus. Business Lisbon is compact, and most of the outstanding restaurants are located in the city center. The easiest way to visualize the city is to imagine one is landing from the Tagus at the Estação Fluvial Sul e

To the right, rising steeply to a peak, is what remains of early Lisbon, the picturesque and crowded Alfama neighborhood, topped by St. Jorges Castle, of Roman, Moorish and of Roman, Moorish and Aviz, 12B Rua Serpa Pin-Visigoth origin. This was 10. Tel. 342-8391. A Belle the old Moonsh and Jewish

Straight ahead is the in Lisbon in our view. new" city. The huge Prac do Comércio (Commercial Square), open to the sea at the front, is flanked by impressive, pinkish buildings and leads through arches to another vast square, the Praca Don Pedro IV, known as the Rossio. The area between, the Baixa, is the central commercial, banking

and shopping district.

Back to the waterfront. Left, looking inland, are hills and a maze of streets, some of them extremely steep. This is the Bairro Alto, home of fado houses and some of Lisbon's best restaurants. Looking sharply left, the coast stretches along the Tagus to Estoril and Cascais, two fashionable resorts, the first with an elegant casino.

Now turn your back on the city of Lisbon and look across the river's broad mouth. There are some of the most important suburbs. There are also some good. crowded and noisy popular restaurants specializing in fish and seafood.

💭 In a Word

Portuguese resembles both Spanish and Italian in written form but sounds entirely different when spoken. Most native speakers swal-low whole syllables, so that vinho tinto (red wine) becomes vin tint. A surprisingly high proportion of Portuguese speak another lan-

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Wining & Dining

Portugal prides itself on its gastronomy and offers a wide variety of dishes, most of which are earthy and fill-

Lisbon's best restaurants honor Portuguese traditions while refining the recipes. Fish and seafood are tasty and fresh.

Wines are an adventure. The very best - which are not cheap - rival those of France, Italy and Spain. And, of course, Portugal is the home of - you guessed it - port. You can drink a white port as an aperitif, but it is better to wait until the end of a meal for the red. Another good aperitif is Madeira, although it is usually drunk as a dessert wine.

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restaurant or bar bills. Tip

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Epoque restaurant of extra-

ordinary distinction, the best

served food of outstanding

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bustling restaurants facing

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derful value. Frango na brasa is the high point: char-coal-grilled chacken accom-

panied by a fiery chili sance. Bota Alfa, 3 Travessa da Queimada, Tel.: 342-7959.

A cheerful bistro in the bo-

hemian Bairro Alto quarter.

Not for a serious business

lunch, but definitely for relaxation after a day of suc-

Casa da Comida, 1 Trav-

essa das Amoreiras. Tel.:

388-5376. A rising star in

the Lisbon gastronomic galaxy, said by many to

serve the best international

Conventual, 44 Praça das Flores. Tel.: 609196. Delica-

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European disbes.

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342-1466. Many small

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ty and variety are served.

Ópen, blue-tiled kitchen.

Popular with the business

Mercado do Peixe, Estra-

da Casal Pedro Teixeira,

Vila Simao, Caramao de Ajuda. Tel.: 363-6942. Fish

is carted in straight from the market. You choose your

own fish from a display, it is

cleaned in front of you,

cooked on a huge charcoal

grill and seasoned with the

house's secret sauce. Other

specialties: homemade pao

de chourico and pasteis de

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media people.

Papa 'Açorda, 57 Rua
Atalaia. Tel.: 346-4811. Acorda is a hard-to-describe combination of seafood, bread and eggs. Potted palms, air-conditioning, friendly service, reasonable

Rosa dos Mares, 110 Rua de Belem. Tel.: 364-9275. Located between Jeronimos Monastery and Belem Palace. Specializes in fish and seafood. Soft colors, bamboo furniture and a pleasant atmosphere.

Tagide, 18 Largo da Bib-lioteca Publica. Tel.: 342-0720. A great view of the Tagus estuary, good food

and exemplary service.

Tavares, 37 Rua da Misericordia. Tel.: 342-1112. Mirrors, crystal, and brocades decorate Lisbon's oldest restaurant. We've noticed a decline in quality, but the restaurant remains popular with businesspeople. Ex-

Varina da Madragoa, 34 A traditional tavern converted into a restaurant, close to the legislative assembly, the Palacio Sao Bento. Simple, traditional fare served politely. Popular with embassy officials and journalists.

Calling Around

Country code: 351. City code: 1. The quality of the telecommunications system is still patchy, but has improved. With a cellular phone, a caller has a chance of reaching 90 percent of the population - as well as other parts of Europe. A telecom office and a series of trailers offer telecommunication services to the public. Telephones are finally changing to the digital system, and practically everyone works

cuisine. Tables set around a with a fax machine. Emergencies: 115. Hospital: 860131/873131.

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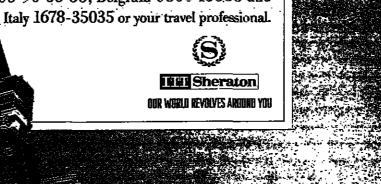
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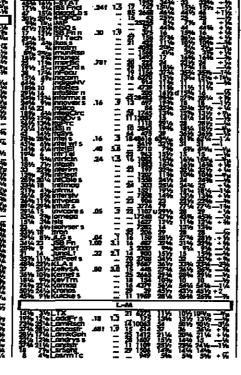
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Fears the company would issue more stock also contributed to the stock's decline, they said.

21,000 yen (\$207.7) on Tuesday in Tokyo, down 2,000. Softbank is a wholesaler of personal-computer software and publishes related indus-

that Softbank was planning to issue 70 billion yen (\$692.3 milion) in convertible bonds in January to help finance its growth, a trader said.

fact that Softbank's share price has not regained its public-offer price of 24,750 yen since the issue, hurt sentiment, the trader said.

Separately, Ziff-Davis

bank is acquiring from Forstmann Little & Co. for \$2.1 billion, was expected on pointment over the stock's Tuesday to announce a partperformance since a late-nership with Yahoo Corp. which operates a popular directory on the Internet's World Wide Web, executives close to the deal said.

The agreement calls for Internet Life, a fledgling Ziff-Softbank shares closed at Davis quarterly introduced in October, to be renamed Yahoo! Internet Life, they said. Ziff-Davis publishes PC Magazine, PC Week and other popular titles.

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A facsimile financialnews service said Tuesday called ZD/Yahoo! Computing, which would be a guide to Web sites dealing with computer hardware, software and related topics. Ziff-Davis would be the sole agent for. That, combined with the selling the computer-related advertising that appeared in the magazine, on Yahoo! and the ZD/Yahoo! site.

Both Ziff-Davis and Yahoo declined to comment. (Reuters, NYT)

Indian Officials Investigating Stock Switches by Reliance

Compiled by Our Steff From Dispatches tigating reports that Reliance Indus- shares," tries Ltd. switched some of its share- ment. holders' stock certificates, people close to the case said Tuesday.

chemical conglomerate that is India's largest private company, confirmed that the board was looking into 1992 companies for ownership transfer were switched with other certificates without the companies' approval.

Company executives called the replacement merely a technical flaw by Reliance's registrar, Reliance Consultancy Services.

BOMBAY — The Securities and nine, i.e., the same were neither take lodged for ownership transfer. Exchange Board of India is inves- nor forged nor spurious nor duplicate the registrar said in a state-

If the board finds that the 1992 replaced, Unit Trust said, transactions were untoward, the op-Executives at Reliance, a textile and erations of Reliance Consultancy Ser-replace all the shares that were found to vices may be suspended, Reliance ex- be switched with the original shares.

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Unit Trust said the Reliance shares

Of the switched shares, 870,000

have since been replaced by Reliance. its stock be delisted after the exchange The remaining 3.82 million are being Reliance said it had volunteered to

The announcement came after the The companies and shares switched market closed; dealers said they were

Reliance shares fell 3.50 rupees (10 cents) to 201.50 on the Bombay Stock nara's replaced shares could total as Exchange. On the National Stock Exchange it closed at 201.70 rupees, down I rupee.

The news of the investigation it purchased in two transactions had comes in the wake of a Reliance dis-

"The new lot of shares were gen- different serial numbers from the ones pute with the Bombay exchange over the handling of its shares.

Two weeks ago, Reliance asked that suspended trading in Reliance shares. saying the company had wrongly issued 40,000 duplicate shares to in-

Reliance said it had done nothing wrong in the case, but, after the Bombay exchange refused the delisting, the company dropped the request.

Brokers had opposed the removal of the stock because Reliance had the largest weighting, at 11 percent, in the 30-share Sensitive Index, and feared that the delisting would render the index meaningless.

(Reuters, Knight-Ridder)

■ Fight Over Phone Bids

India's opposition Tuesday closed Parliament for the fifth straight working day in its fight with the government over the privatization of India's telephone system, Reuters reported from New Delhi.

Both houses of Parliament adjourned without doing any official business as the government sought to fend off accusations that it mishandled the privatization drive and lost billions of dollars in a tender to award licenses to private companies, both Indian and foreign, to operate telephone services.

Opposition leaders want a parliamentary committee to investigate the tender, a move the government says will delay the privatization program.

TELEVISION: Western Broadcasters Are Hoping to Capitalize on the Potentially Huge Indian Market

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space age aerial gymnastics. ESPN Asia; for instance, is routinely obliged to route Indian cricket matches through a foreign satellite base before the signal eventually airs in India.

Moreover, because of piracy, "foreign producers have not earned a sintop boxes would continue to make it cific vice president of the Motion Picholders.

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Meanwhile, those who brazenly pirate videos and satellite signals, cutting and pasting their own channels, have had their wings partially

clipped.
With regulators having begun to gle penny from program fees," Mr. enforce a licensing law passed earlier McIntyre said. He said revenues have this year, their numbers have dropped come from advertising and that the to 40,000 from about 100,000, accountry's resistance to installing set- cording to Jeffrey Hardee, Asia-Pa-

and television industry. The MPA, in cooperation with Indian authorities, is spearheading raids on the cable pirates that have led to equipment confiscation and impending lawsuits.

"We are concentrating on locating the duplicators of pirate programs," enforce a licensing law passed earlier said Mr. Hardee, adding that Indian this year, their numbers have dropped films as well as Western blockbusters continued to suffer from the widespread failure to pay copyright

country in the world, and that its television production also prodigious.

Local series are still overwhelm-ingly more popular than Western protaries, cartoons and game shows nior vice president for Asia. thrive, said Bhuvan Lall, who owns an independent production company, based in Bombay, called Dream Fac- traj, are targeting the Tamil and Tegutory. The secret for foreign investors

Sony, which is broadcasting its Hindi-language service into more than 8 million homes, has welcomed "ratings far beyond our expectations," grams, even though foreign documen- according to William Pfeiffer, its se-

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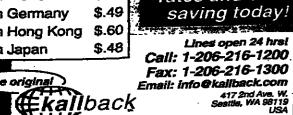
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Michael Johnson: a double winner at '95 World Championships

Johnson's Hope

ATHLETICS There is a good chance world track officials will alter the 1996 Olympic timetable to allow the U.S. star Michael Johnson to attempt a 200- and 400-meter double, an IAAF spokesman said.

Johnson, who won both events in this year's world championships in Sweden, met with the IAAF president, Primo Nebiolo, to request a change in the Atlanta schedule, which currently has the 200 and 400 overlapping on two days.

NBC Wraps Up Games

OLYMPICS NBC has obtained exclusive U.S. broadcast and cable TV rights to the 2004, 2006 and 2008 Olympic Games for \$2.3 billion, the first time a network has locked up the Games before the sites have been

"This is a momentous decision for us," said Bob Wright, the president of NBC and the chief executive officer. The deal gives NBC six of the next seven Olympic Games and five in a row from 2000 to 2008.

The network will pay \$793 million for the 2004 Summer Games, \$613 million for the 2006 Winter Olympics and \$894 million for the 2008 Summer Olympics, said Dick Pound, chairman of the International Olympic Committee's Television Negotiations Committee. No other networks were involved in the negotiations.

Pakistan's Spin Wins

CRICKET Pakistan took just over an hour on the final day to complete its victory over New Zealand in a one-off test in Christchurch by 161 runs. Mushtaq Ahmed took seven secondinnings wickets with his leg spin, and Wagar Younis, a 24-year old fast bowler, became the youngest bowler to take 200 test wickets. He reached the total in just 38 test matches, as did the Dennis Lillee, the Australian pace bowler. Clarrie Grimmett, an Ausalian leg spinner, took 36 tests.

•The West Indies captain, Richie Richardson, branded his team's batting pathetic Tuesday after it lost by eight wickets in a one-day game by the Australian Cricket Academy. West Indies made only 92 runs. (Reuters)

Strawberry Is Charged

BASEBALL Darryl Strawberry was charged Monday with three misdemeanor counts of failure to pay child and spousal support. Lisa Michelle. the outfielder's former wife said he had fallen \$372,760 behind in courtordered payments to her and the children, aged 7 and 10.

Earlier this year, a Superior Court judge ordered Strawberry to pay \$12,810 in monthly support and child-care costs and \$22,420 a month to his former wife.

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WORLD ROUNDUP A DO-OT-Die Game For Irish and Dutch

ONDON - With respect to the overlords of FIFA and UEFA, their f grand evenings at the Louvre in Paris sports. on Tuesday and the International Convention Centre in Birmingham, England, on Sunday are not what the sport is all

True, they can claim global TV audiences for the draws of the World Cup and the European Champi-



the committee preen themselves on the stage of stars. Gray suits give way to black bow-ties, the draws are lotteries dressed up as spectacle. and for an hour or so, the chaos of Paris and the mists of Birmingham are half-forgot-

But come Wednesday night, sand-wiched between rituals that could be done his 80th Ireland cap. by computer, is a real-life, winner-takes-all knockout match between Ireland and the Netherlands.

One of them will go to the ball, the finals of the 1996 European Championship. The other will go home a failure. The contest is set for Anfield, the Liverpool stadium which happens to be the most Irish of

English cities. Green clans will cross the Irish Sea in the thousands, but the followers of the Dutch Orange are never to be outdone. Latest estimates suggest there will be upward of 19,000 Irish fans, 15,000 Dutch and 6,000 "neutrals" to witness this last eliminator to the 16-nation finals.

Neutrality will be nearly impossible to sustain. Every one of us who enters that stadium will have a preference because the two sides represent differing poles of the

way this world game is played.

The Irish play it "long," which is to say they belt the living daylights out of the ball. they pressurize and they pulverize, they never recognize the idea of defeat and never acknowledge greater skills.
"You'll Never Beat the Irish" is a re-

frain that has carried Ireland, under the combative management of the Englishman Jack Charlton, through an unprecedented decade of World Cups and European Championships.

Only now, the team is aging, the sheer physical effort that seemed to sweat pure Guinness is watered down. The warriors are in soccer dotage. And the Dutch are on a new wave, a paler million.

shade of Orange to the extraordinary side of Johann Cruyff et al in the Seventies, but an exciting blend of the teenage force of Ajax that has propelled the Dutch back into Ireland bludgeons the soccer ball, the

Netherlands caresses it. Ireland powers the game, the Netherlands creates it. The contrast is absorbing and, though the shoot-out on Wednesday decrees that there must be a winner and a loser, we have little to fear from the camp followers. When the two countries met in Orlando,

Netherlands won the match, Ireland inspired the revelries. Street parties bonded the two sets of supporters, even local cops took off their caps to dance a jig. You could age a year in a night of partying with the Irish, but the age factor is catching up with their team. Five of the

players - Paul McGrath, John Sheridan, Andy Townsend, Tony Cascarino and John Aldridge — will never see 30 again. Indeed, if ever a man personified the age

gap and the spirit of this Wednesday night fought to the finish it is McGrath. He is 36, younger by a year than Aldridge, the wily striker, but performing on borrowed time. Seven years ago he was taken aside and

told by Manchester United that he should take the insurance payoff and quit soccer. He remembers, as you would, the sense of

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abandonment, the medical verdict that knees that had known the surgeon's scalpel 14 times were not made for longevity in

He took, for a time, to drink. Manchester United showed even less understanding but, on the brink of accepting his fate, McGrath was invited to transfer his life and his chronic pain to Aston Villa.

A nominal fee for a genuine first-rate reader of the defensive game was agreed and some seven years later, some 300-plus top-class matches, this rock of a man is still Numero Uno on his club and his country's team sheet.

He stands 6 feet tall. He weighs 14 stones (196 pounds or 88 kilograms). He seldom visits the training ground, perspiring in-stead in the weights room rather than twisting and turning on those horrific knee

Yet on Wednesday he will stride out for

"This game is in the top four of the most nerve-racking I have faced with Ireland," he admits. "But after I was told in 1988 that the knees would never stand the rigors of full-time soccer, it was only my love of playing that made me turn down the in-

surance offer. 'It seemed a hell of a lot of money at the time, and they were telling me it was for the best, little did they know.

Little indeed. In front of the old warhorse McGrath on Wednesday will be John Sheridan, a comparative stripling of 31 and one of the few men of Ireland whose skill compares to the Dutch.

But Sheridan should not be there at all. His own knee was operated upon just six weeks ago. He came back to play 14 minutes at the end of a Sheffield game last Saturday against Manchester United. Now he is the shield in front of the defense against a team whose runners could be the children of McGrath or Aldridge.

Ireland will probably try to subdue Holland on the flanks by using four fullbacks, two each against Marc Overmars and Glenn Helder. But if that succeeds, the Netherlands will thrust down the center where Dennis Bergkamp, 26, is almost a father figure to Patrick Kluivert and Clarence Seedorf, both teenagers.

Kluivert has grown up fast having been responsible for a car crash that killed another man. Seedorf wears, at 19, the weight champions, Italy and England, were also of having been transferred from Ajax to matched in the draw Tuesday for the 1998 Sampdoria in Genoa for the sum of \$7 World Cup qualifying rounds.

Bosnia, Croatia and Slovenia, three of

They know, these boys, about soccer "pressure," having won the European thread Yugoslav republic, were drawn to-champions. Cup. They know more than most teenagers about responsibilities, having been accused of partying to levels that in the ing been accused of partying to levels that in the ingless of the complete the complet were deemed almost treasonable last sum-qualifying competition. Bosnia may play

Minsk where the Netherlands surrendered, 1-0, to Belarus. The Ajax -seven of them in the Dutch national team Florida in 1994, in the last World Cup, the were blamed.

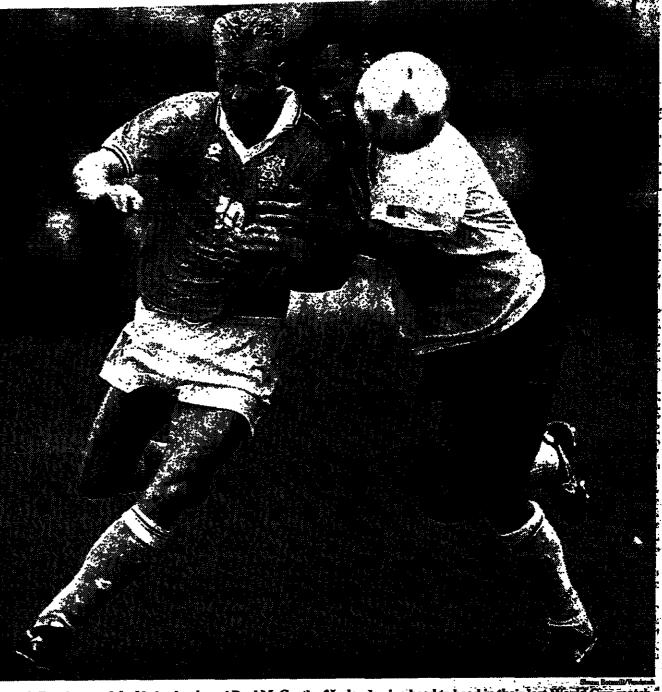
needs of the Dutch. I suspect they will win, but in the main stand, the Irish will also be

For this exacting match the teams are allowed honored guests. Southern Ireland sent their tickets to the Football Association of Northern Ireland, a gesture not only acknowledging a victory by the North that allowed the South this last chance of reprieve, but a token of north-south solidarity that holds a message for the politicians and religious leaders.

Christmas is coming. How comforting it would be if the tolerance of sportsmen were reiterated by the community leaders of the

two Irish states.

Rob Hughes is on the staff of The Times.



Dennis Bergkamp of the Netherlands and Paul McGrath of Ireland going head to head in their last World Cup match.

Croatia Faces Bosnia on Road to Frances

PARIS — Three former Yugoslav states were pitted together and two former world

its home games in Italy.

Bosnian trainer Faruk Hadzibegic said: AYS after lifting the European Cup in Vienna they were flown out to The fact that we play Croatia and Slovenia

times in qualifying tournaments in the 1990s and lost only once. The Czech Repeople behind us thinking only of victory and not of politics." public was drawn against Slovakia. The two countries used to make up Czechoslo-

Italy and England meet in Group 2, which also includes Poland, Georgia and Moldova. Italy and England were in the same World Cup qualifying rounds.

Bosnia, Croatia and Slovenia, three of the five separate states from the now fractured Yugoslav republic, were drawn together in European Group I. Slovenia and Croatia were also drawn together in the iust-completed European Championship

for France, where the finals will be expanded to 32 teams. However, five secondplace European teams will also advance.

the Netherlands. The Dutch group also

vakia, which reached the World Cup finalgame in Chile in 1962, but lost to Brazil. ". Germany, another three-time champion. was drawn in possibly the toughest group, with Portugal, Ukraine, Northern Ireland, Albania and Armenia. South America had no draw at all as all;

Only group winners are certain to qualify nine teams, apart from Brazil, the chamer France, where the finals will be expion that qualifies automatically, meet in a mini-championship. In the north and central American and Caribbean zone, the Belgium was paired with its neighbor. United States faces Costa Rica, a relatively tough draw. The Asia matchups include includes Turkey, a rising soccer nation, and han as "We will play with the whole Bosnian Wales, which has played Belgium four strongest teams all received byes.

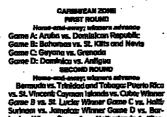
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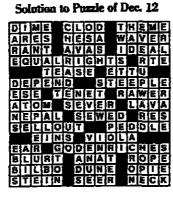
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Marino Breaks Another Record

By Charlie Nobles New York Times Service

for 156 yards, with one touch-MIAMI — Dan Marino set ... "I don't think I played well, another National Football or the offense as a whole, but keague record on Monday because of the way our defennight — this one for career pass. sive unit played we beat a good attempts - and finally the Mi- football team tonight, he ami Dolphins' quarterback and said. his embattled teammates were. The defense shut down the

. Marino broke Fran Tarkenton's record with his 6,468th stops in the fourth quarter and the fourth quarter of Miami's clinched the AFC West title, but hanging-on-for-dear-life 13-6 the loss prevented them from

The victory kept the Dol-tion. phins alive for a playoff spot. At the beginning of the third and broke a frustrating string quarter, Marcus Allen handed in for Marino and Coach Doa a 23 yard pass from Bono to

The victory Monday night short. was Miami's second in a row, and set up a showdown in Buffalo next Sunday. The Dolphins are a game behind the Bills in when little-used fullback Don

ence East Division race.

"It was a game that we had to have, and we got it," Shula said.

The outcome was a welcome change for Marino pulo this got, the Chiefs hack in the

down and one interception." able to enjoy a victory with it. Chiefs in the first half and came

18 completions in 34 attempts

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victory over the Kansas City Chiefs before 70,321 at Joe Robbie Stadium.

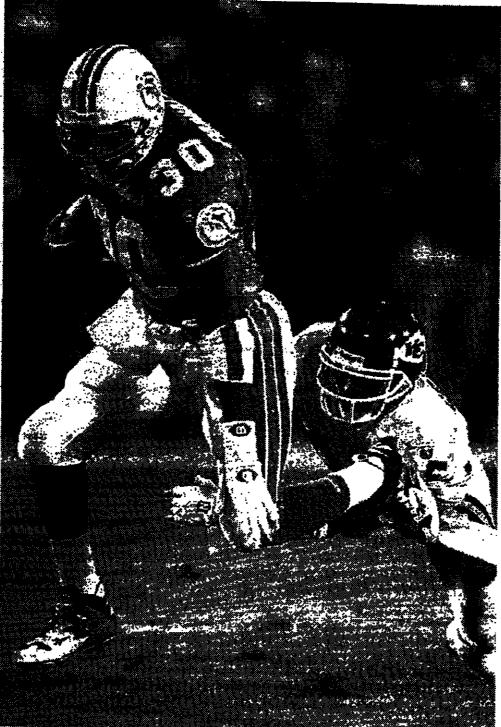
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Shula, who has been heavily help move the ball to the one. criticized because of the team's But the Chiefs couldn't break 1-3 record over the past into the end zone; Allen's run on fourth down was stopped. Soon, though, Kansas City

the American Football Confer-ence East Division race. nell Bennett was stopped for no

change for Marino, who this game season has set records for But Lin Ellion, who had touchdown passes, passing missed a 44 yard field-goal at-yards and pass completions, tempt earlier flubbed the extra-and lost the game each time. point vick, hitting the left up-On Monday night, he thiew rights



Dolphins' Bernie Parmalee, left, eluding Chiefs' safety William White for a 27-yard gain.

Denver Continues to Cruise

and nine blocked shots.

did not return.

minutes, managed 10 rebounds

The Associated Press

Neither Dikembe Mutombo's foul trouble nor an ankle injury to Antonio McDyess could keep the streaking Denver Nuggets from winning their fifth straight game.

About his foul problems, Mutombo said: "Hopefully, Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf had

NBA ROUNDUP

22 points and 10 assists and-Bryant Stith scored 21 points for the Nuggets in a 104-91 victory Monday night over the Philadelphia 76ers.

Abdul-Rauf, who is averag-ing 22 points this season, made only one shot in five attempts in the first period, but connected on seven of his next 14, in-

cluding two three-pointers. Mutombo, playing only 31 day.

10 rebounds.

because our defense is anchored around me." Philadelphia led 25-22 after the first quarter, but the

61-46, in the next two periods.

Philadelphia's coach, John Lucas, said the Sixers would sign veteran free agents Scott

Philadelphia played without Derrick Coleman, who was ex-McDyess, the Nuggets' start- pected to be out at least a week ing forward, left the game late with a sprained ankle. In adin the second period. The rookie dition, Vernon Maxwell was ejected after collecting two tech-

nical fouls in the second period. Jazz 110, Hornets 109 Karl I'll be able to stay in the games, Malone had 24 points and Utah went on a 10-1 run in the last 90 seconds of the third quarter to

take an 84-67 lead. The Hornets, playing with-Nuggets outscored the 76ers, out forward Larry Johnson, who has a sprained ankle, were Dale Ellis was a big help, never closer than 10 points in scoring 19 points and grabbing the final quarter. Morris started the decisive run with a threepointer and John Stockton

capped it with another. Glen Rice scored 19 points Skiles and Mike Brown on Tues- and Kendall Gill 16 for the Hor-

Roy Saves Avalanche From Leafs, 5-1

The Associated Press Few professional athletes dealt from the Montreal Cana- if you go out there and play

NHL ROUNDUP

last 10 years wanted a clean put it away in the third.

break, and he got it. Roy was the main name in a Canadiens and the Colorado earned his first victory with his new team Monday night, 5-1, over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

"I'm really happy," he said after his 30-save performance. Roy made several big saves early, then Craig Wolanin and Adam Deadmarsh gave the Avalanche a 2-0 lead by the end of the first period.

think that gave our players the 6:30 to play, as the Rangers world of confidence," said extended their home unbeaten have been as low as Patrick Roy Colorado's coach, Marc Craw- streak to 13 games. New York, was after he demanded to be ford. "We had that feeling that unbeaten in its last nine, got 28 diens. The man considered hard, you'll get that solid back-hockey's best goaltender for the stopping behind you." las tied it, 2-2, on Darien Hatch-er's goal 1:48 into the third.

ond period, and the Avalanche

Lightning 6, Sabres 1 Only 5,462 fans braved poor weather five-player deal between the conditions to attend the game, extended its unbeaten streak to which was rescheduled from Avalanche last week, and he Sunday after more than three for Florida. feet (one meter) of snow fell in Buffalo and surrounding areas. Fleury scored three goals in the Jeff Reese, who is 2-0 with four second period, all set up by Gergoals allowed since being ac- man Titov and all one-timers quired from Hartford on Dec. I, that beat goalie Byron Dafoe

second period.

saves from Mike Richter. Dal-

Toronto's Doug Gilmour
scored the only goal of the sec-10:25 to play gave Florida its first victory in six games at the Meadowlands Arena in East Rutherford, New Jersey, and five. Gord Murphy also scored

Flames 6, Kings 2 Theorem stopped 21 shots, and Tampa from inside the top of the face-Bay scored three times in the off circle or beyond. It was only the second victory at home this Rangers 3, Stars 2 Mark season for Calgary, while the Messier scored two goals, in- Los Angeles lost its fifth "He made the big saves and I cluding the game-winner with straight on the road.

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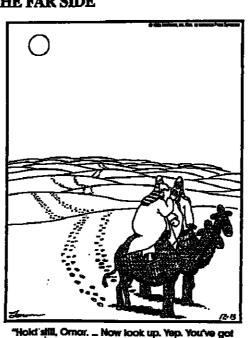












"Hold still, Omor. _ Now look up. Yep. You've got something in your eye, all right—could be sand."



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OBSERVER

A Tribute to Scotty

By Russell Baker

TEW YORK — Scotty Reston died after the first edition last Wednesday. He was as good a newspaperman as I ever saw, and better than most. He learned his trade in the school to prefer understatement and winded flourishes once so common in American journalism.

In a rare criticism of a Times colleague he once wrote that tence couldn't be immortal unless it was interminable."

It was Reston's success in teaching the Times to talk in plain English and tolerate an occasional wisecrack that made possible the relatively literate paper we publish today.

Scotty did not have much use either for the show-off reporter who can't resist writing up a literary storm before getting down to the story.

"Why don't you just play it pianissimo?" he suggested if he saw that look in your eye suggesting you were about to give F. Scott Fitzgerald a lesson in high-class prose writing.

Pianissimo it shall be then.

Age never diminished the boyish Reston delight in the pleasures of journalism. Middle chat with President Kennedy, age takes the zest out of the of course. Before starting his sport for many reporters. Re-porting, after all, is likely to the rest of us. I can bear him seem unfulfilling for aging gogetters who yearn to make things happen. Mere watching doesn't always seem quite so amusing to people over 40.

The very best reporters, however, never tire of it. Their preporter's greatest asset, never flags with age.

In Reston this combined with a childish delight in "scooping" the brotherhood. You could see

the pleasure it gave him to pub-lish a "scoop" that would keep the opposition working past midnight to match.

Working at the State Department for him. I was constantly pressed for scoops on the most of hard knocks. This taught him trivial ambassadorial appointments. "Why put so much effort simple sentences to the long- into finding out what will happen tomorrow instead of doing a better job of telling people what happened yesterday?" I sometimes asked. This could only Arthur Krock "thought a sen- have saddened Scotty as evidence that I lacked the real stuff necessary to make a great reporter (which I did). For Scotty, getting your "scoops" was the

> When I think of him now the pictures that come to mind are of the young scoop artist at moments of high triumph. At Vi-enna in 1961, for example: Khrushchev and Kennedy have talked privately all day, and thousands of journalists mill through the Hofburg trying to concoct plausible stories from official briefings about "fruitful exchanges of views."

exercise that kept you in shape.

Despite an all-star cast, the Times bureau is equally helpless as deadlines close in. Then -Da da da da! - into the office strolls James Barrett Reston.

Where has he been for the past hour? Having a private

"This thing has been a disaster . . . Kennedy scared to ' And for the color "Kennedy's back is writer:

killing him. This kid's joy in beating the cious childish curiosity, a re-porter's greatest asset, never strengths that helped make him one of the very, very best. That's an "Ave," Scotty, if you'll ex-

cuse the Latin. Pianissimo. New York Times Service

to 1,200 francs (\$200 to \$240) dining at a top French restaurant.

Robuchon predicts a return to the

An average diner can spend 1,000

menus and lower wine prices.

the recent flurry of emotion caused by a full-scale downgrading of top chefs in the 1996 Gault-Millau restaurant

guide - can be taken as a call to all

restaurateurs: Re-examine your eco-

nomic policies, and think of the con-

"Actually, the crisis is positive for the profession," said Joël Robuchon,

one of France's top chefs with a

Michelin three-star restaurant in

Paris, who has said he will retire from the restaurant business to pursue oth-

"Restaurant prices overall have gotten out of hand," he said. "Restau-

rants with one or two Michelin stars

demand the same price as a three-star

restaurant, and there is no way they

can provide the same experience. The

sumer's pocketbook.

er gastronomic ventures.

consumer is not stupid.'

The Crisis in French Cuisine: What Price Glory? 1970s, when France had fewer luxury

restaurants with top ratings.

DARIS — France's great restaumonthly Gault-Millau gastronomic rants are facing an unprecedented review and the annual guide, agrees: The crisis in grand dining is a percrisis: After the boom years of the manent one. The French will never 1980s, those long waiting lists have live as they did before. The French are fearful of the future, and they've given way to empty tables. At a time when French unions have brought the country to a transporta-

By Patricia Wells

ional Herald Tribuni

become squirrels with their money. When people choose restaurants totion standstill, the fate of luxury day, there is only one criterion: the restaurants may seem immaterial. But price of the meal. the restaurant crisis is not divorced This goes against the conventional wisdom, which was that, when it from other facts of French life, like a severe economic downturn and rad-

came to quality food, the French ical changes in lifestyle.
The restaurateur Jean-Claude Vriwould never ask the price: They nat, of Taillevent, a Paris landmark would pay any price for a great meal with three Michelin stars, put it this or bottle of wine. If quality fell, howwould pay any price for a great meal ever, they would complain loudly and way: "Our 30 years of glory are over. take their business elsewhere. Frankly, we have had things too easy for the past three decades. But we Many chefs saw the wave coming,

have to understand that the good days and nearly a decade ago scurried to were the exception, not the rule. The French superiority complex is over.

The past line pas French superiority complex is over. Now is the time for people to begin tablishments to complement their gastronomic ventures.

In Paris, Michelin two-star chef The flip side is good news: Diners Guy Savoy still leads the way, with a have never been able to eat better for series of highly successful satellite less, as young and old chefs alike bistros - each with different names work to lure customers with bargain and different menus. Vrinat's comments — as well as

Outside Paris, where the grand restaurants are hit the hardest by the crisis, many restaurants lure customers with less expensive weekday lunch menus while top chefs remain realistic, cautious and reflective. "For me, it's a time to fine-tune the

perfection we have tried to establish here," said Georges Blanc, whose family restaurant in Vonnas, not far from Lyon, now takes up much of the village, with a bakery, a bistro, a wine store and a goormet shop as well as the Michelin three-star establish-

Blanc, who tirelessly fights for the quality, production, and promotion of his native Bresse poultry, is confident that the traditions of his region are not make a go of it," said Alexandre schoolchildren in taste; has estabin danger. Yet he is realistic about the

"Things will never be as they were in the 1980s. That we know," he said. "We are only happy now that we can



There is hardly a grand restaurant recognized the need to do something, in France that has not had to add other commercial ventures, whether it be a longer a given. The French are no wine shop, a gift shop, a hotel.

"The top restaurants only make economic sense when the tables are full all the time. Otherwise, they can't has educated thousands of French Lazareff, director of France's National Council of Culinary Arts, a fiveyear-old government agency designed to safeguard the nation's gas-

"It's time for the French to wake survey of traditional regional specialup," he added. "The government has ties before they disappear.

If there's a crisis at the top that's here to stay, what about the funite of

French gastronomy as a whole?

"Than's safe," said Robuchon

"Today's top chefs such as A kin
Ducasse in Monte Carlo or Olivier Roellinger in Brittany, are revising and updating French cooking. They are helping France rediscover its regional identity."

The Michelin two-star chef Gity

Martin of Paris's Le Grand Vefour agrees. "Today's French cooking is about ingredients," he said. "Today a chef spends the major portion of his time personally tracking down the best and finest ingredients of a region while in recent years everything was ordered impersonally, by tele-

Lazareff also believes that the future of French gastronomy lies in the hands of regional chefs, who consider themselves part of a region first, and French second.

"The trend away from heavy Lx. onnais food and toward lighter, more varied Mediterranean cuisine is the future," he said. "Chefs such as Ducasse are creating a new international school of Mediterranean cooking, mixing black truffles from France, white truffles from Italy, ham from Spain, olives from throughout the Mediterranean basin."

Outside the restaurant kitchens French gastronomy faces a crisis of another sort. The nation's family charcuteries, featuring home-smoked hams and sausages and fanciful pas-try-wrapped terrines, have all but died out, giving in to dietary trends and industrial producers ready to take their place.

longer blessed by God. We have to cook, and less time to eat what's purfight for our cuisine."

In the past five years, the agency has educated thousands of the cook.

don't want to peel vegetables any-more," she said. lished a program to identify, protect and promote traditional French prod-

She remains optimistic, suggesting that gastronomy in France is far from dead, it is simply grappling with an adjustment to the present. "The one in the midst of creating an extensive thing that will never change with the French, is that they will always faire la fête.

POSTCARD

The Architect Who Lights Up New York City

By Julie V. Iovine New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Just before the opening of the New Victory Theatre on West 42nd Street, Hugh Hardy, the architect responsible for the restoration of this, the oldest surviving theater in New York City, had only a slight case of the jitters.

the new rugs for the lobby, and Hardy himself was not thrilled with how some of signature in a career spent revitalizing New

The reconstruction of the New Victory, 1997, of the New Amsterdam, 42d Street's

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which opened with a gala on Monday night and will open to the public next Tuesday, marks no less than the inaugural step in the ballyhooed resurrection of the Times Square theater district.

From the renaissance of the Rainbow Room at Rockefeller Center to the rehabilitation of the Joyce Theatre in Chelsea and the Majestic Theatre in Brooklyn, there is A cluster of speakers had torn a chunk scarcely a cultural icon in the city with which out of the proscenium, there were critics of the architect has not in some way been

tion plans for the comeback, in January

WEATHER

Forecast for Thursday through Saturday, as provided by Accu-Weather.

chilly with a few snor ries. Most of the con will be unseasonably

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most gaudy theater, as a family entertainment center under the aegis of the Disney Corp. "I'm known around the office as Mr. New York," said Hardy, 63, who was born in Mellocaeand around in Tomaton. in Mallorcaand grew up in Tarrytown, New York. The architect's infatuation with the city can be traced, he said, to "that tender age when I used to sit alone in the balcony of just about every theater in Times Square watching second-run movies."

Hardy said his involvement with so many landmarks of the past has not made him This year alone, Hardy has presided over nostalgic, though he would be the first to ell received an achievement the light fixtures turned out. "The usual," said the architect blithely, pulling a light bulb out of his coar pocket and hopping onto a trash can to replace a burned-out bulb. Such tenacity has become Hardy's of the triumphant opening of the new restaurant in the designed in the grand-café European style; the start of construction on a completely new Windows on the World was not the riumphant opening of the new restaurant at Bryant Park, which he designed in the grand-café European style; the start of construction on a completely new Windows on the World was not the first unique and the group. Diana's experimental art, elegant prose and daring performances originated in New York—are long gone. "New York may not be the belong gone." New York may not be the belong gone. "New York may not be the belong gone." New York may not be the belong gone. "New York may not be the belong gone." New York may not be the belong gone. "New York may not be the belong gone." New York may not be the belong gone. "New York may not be the belong gone." New York may not be the belong gone. "New York may not be the belong gone." New York may not be the belong gone. "New York may not be the belong gone." New York may not be the belong gone. "New York may not be the belong gone." New York may not be the belong gone. "New York may not be the belong gone." New York may not be the belong gone. "New York may not be the belong gone." New York may not be the belong gone. "New York may not be the belong gone." New York may not be the belong gone. "New York may not be the belong gone." New York may not be the belong gone. "New York may not be the belong gone." New York may not be the belong gone. "New York may not be the belong gone." New York may not be the belong gone. "New York may not be the belong gone." New York may not be the belong gone. "New York may Trade Center, as well as ambitious restora- was in the '20s,' he said. "But it's still got a grip like no place else on reality. And it's still the premier marketplace of ideas."

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Latin America

Britain, Princess Diana was honored for her work for sick and underprivileged children. "Let us demonstrate our humanity," said the princess, who received the United Cerebral Palsy's Humanitarian Award. "Let us not wait to be asked." At a dinner that raised \$2.1 million for the group, Diana re-ceived a standing ovation from a crowd that included Barbara Walters, Donald Trump and Henry Kissinger. Colin Pow-

York hospital said. The singer

Kim Basinger has agreed to pay up to \$3.8 million to resolve a dispute over her refusal to appear in the movie "Boxing Helena." The deal was reached as the actress and the production company, Main Line Pictures, were to retry their case after an appeals court over-turned a 1993 judgment of \$8.1

Frank Sinatra turned 80 on Tuesday, with accolades from friends and fans and speculation that he has decided to quit performing on anything but a

ON her first U.S. visit since her television interview in ambassadorial Britain, saying she sees herself as the 'queen of people's

The medical condition of Michael Jackson, who collapsed last week during rehearsal for a television show, had improved sufficiently for him to be discharged on Tues-day, a statement from the New will still require bed rest and close monitoring by his medical team for several weeks.

Is Yet to Come." million against Basinger.

performing on anything but a ture was "a celebration of love rare occasion. "There is no and happiness." "I think it's



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ucts such as local cheeses, poultry,

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Diana and Henry Kissinger at the awards ceremony.

question about it: He has quietly also about humankind's relaretired," said the longtime Sinatra watcher and disk jockey Jonathan Schwartz, a man Sinatra once described as Sinatra once described as temporary Art, will be on dis-knowing more about me than I play until March 17 and is to do." "His last full performance was last Feb. 15 at a charity gala Olympics. and interestingly the last song he sang that night was 'The Best

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Sydney has yet another landmark to go with its famous Opera House — a 12-meter (40-foot), flower-bedecked puppy, "Puppy," which con-tains 50,000 flowering plants and cost 1 million Australian dollars (\$735,000), is the latest from the American artist Jeff Koons. Koons said the sculp-

tionship to God," he said at the unveiling. "Puppy," which sits outside the Museum of Conreturn for the 2000 Sydney

Libel damages won by Elton John against the Sunday Mirror for a story that claimed he was suffering from an eating disorder were called "manifestly excessive" by a British appeal court on Tuesday and cut back sharply. Damages totaling £350,000 (\$535,000) were reduced to £75,000.

A giant Christmas tree, pre-sented by Princess Gloria von Thurn und Taxis, has been

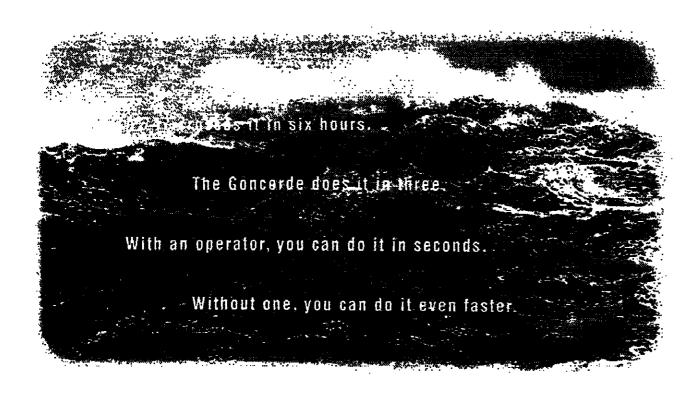
Square modes the windows of Pope John Paul II's apar-ment. The 27-meter (89-loot) tree from the princess's estates in Bayaria, was given in men-ory of her husband, Prince Jonnes, who died five year

A dark green Aston Maris sports car that Prince Charis used to drive to pole matches was auctioned off for £111,500 (\$171,000) at Sotheby's. The proceeds will go to the Prince of Wales Charity Trust.

Natalie Cole's estra husband says her request for a restraining order against him is "cheap publicity sumt." As dre Fischer, who produced the singer's "Unforgettable" al bum, contends she misrepre sented or falsified abuse alle gations in court papers to promote "Angel on My Shoulder," her forthcoming autobiography. Cole filed for divorce last month after six years o

The Bill Murray movi "Groundhog Day" will not have to share profits with a novelist who featured the same theme. A court has thrown out a lawsuit brought by the write Leon Arden, who sought \$1 million because of similarities between the movie and his 1981 book "One Fine Day."

A 263-year-old Strativari violin, which disappeared acar 30 years ago and fell into the hands of a woman who refused to give it up, has been returned the University of California Los Angeles. The university it reached an out-of-court settlement with Teresa Salar over the violin known as Duke of Akcantara" and agree to pay her \$11,500.



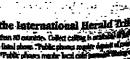
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